Here's How Much New Yorkers Want Peace

By Joseph North

Thousands of New Yorkers signed their names to the leaflets distributed by peace crusaders Monday and are mailing them to the office of the New York Labor Peace Conference, it was learned yesterday.

Unprecedented stacks of letters pledging support for peace are being brought in with each mail delivery. They are arriving from every part of New York's five boroughs and the names reveal the composition of the city's population: they are Irish, Polish, Jewish, Slavic, Italian and range from Jones to Lewicki. They ask for petitions to circulate.

Many of the leaflets have five to a dozen names on them, evidently from people who were handed leaflets in the subways and neighborhoods, but didn't meet people circulating petitions Monday. "This spontaneous reaction reveals the depth of the peace sentiment," the Labor Peace Conference declared.

NEGRO MOTHER'S MESSAGE

Some have brief messages scrawled on them, like one from a Negro mother on West 129 Street: "Yes, I want peace myself. And I want a place for myself and my five little children. I'm in one room with my five children. But I do want peace and also a place to live."

The Labor Peace Conference reported that many of the leaflets coming in carry a few sentences of this type, some typewritten, most in pencil.

Many are signed by both husband and wife, "both Mr. and Mrs."

The names are written on the blue and white leaflet that was distributed which called on New Yorkers to speak up for peace. "Which shall it be—slow death of atomic burns or peace and life for our children," the leaflet asked. It carried the picture of a little girl bearing her doll.

It asked New Yorkers "regardless of nationality, religion or political affiliation" to urge the atombomb be banned.

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1st Congressman Signs for Peace

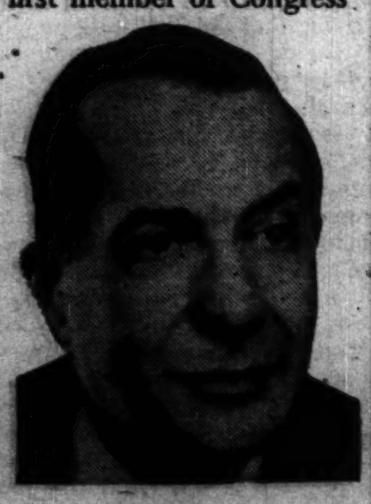
Daily Worker Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, June 21.—Rep. Vito Marcantonio (ALP-NY) today signed the Stockholm Peace Pledge and announced that the American Labor Party is "all for it. We are a hundred percent behind it."

Marcantonio became the first member of Congress to sign the pledge for peace.

Congressmen were invited to sign by Marcel Scherer of the New York Labor Conference for Peace.

Scherer made his announcement before the House Un-American Committee, where he was being questioned about the peace conference. Scherer urged the two committee members present, Reps. Francis Walters (D-Pa) and Harold Velde (R-Ind) to sign.



MARCANTONIO

They refused. Velde said he needed assurances that the peace conference wasn't "communist dominated."

Marcantonio scoffed at Velde's statement when he heard it. "There's no such thing as communist peace, or capitalist peace. What is this nonsense about peace being Communist-dominated or sponsored? You're either for peace or war. I don't want war."

Tokyo Posters Tell Dulles: No War Bases

TOKYO, June 22.—The visit of John Foster Dulles here today was greeted with posters throughout the city assailing plans to build up a Wall Street military base in Japan. Dulles is visiting here as a special adviser for the State Department.

The posters, addressed to Dulles, Defense Secretary Louis Johnson and Gen. Omar Bradley, chairman of the joint chiefs of staff committee, were signed by the National Federation of Students.

They demanded that the three visiting officials stop rearming Japan, withdraw American occupation troops and give up any idea of keeping permanent military bases in this country.

The posters also called on Dulles, Johnson and Bradley to repudiate a statement by Dr. Walter Fells, MacArthur's education chief, that "communist" teachers should be banned from university facilities.

DULLES

MEET WITH MAC ARTHUR

Dulles started an intensive series of talks with MacArthur today on the advisability of starting on a separate Japanese peace treaty, with the Soviet Union and China excluded.

Johnson and Bradley spent the day on a brief inspection visit to the island military base of Okinawa. They will visit Kyoto tomorrow and leave for the United States via Alaska tomorrow night.

During a visit yesterday to Yokosuka navy base—the biggest American base west of Pearl Harbor—Johnson intimated strongly that he would like to see the United States keep it.

Coast Demos Urge Truman Try Peace

LOS ANGELES, June 21.—A resolution urging President Harry Truman to give "full and sympathetic consideration" to the peace proposals of Trygve Lie, secretary general of the United Nations, was announced over the weekend by the Democratic county central committee.

The resolution was adopted unanimously by the committee, duly elected body of Democratic voters in Los Angeles County, at its regular monthly meeting in the State Building.

Lie recently "submitted to all members of the United Nations a 10-point peace plan as a basis for a peaceful solution of the present cold war," the resolution said.

It pointed out that Lie previously had discussed the plan with the leaders of the Big Four governments and will place it before the Security Council and General Assembly of the UN in the near future.

"Labor organizations, religious leaders of all faiths, women's clubs throughout the nation, and eminent writers and scientists have all concurred in urging peaceful alternatives to the present ominous world situation," the resolution said.

Consequently, the Democratic committee concluded that it "herewith urges the President and the State Department to give full and sympathetic consideration to these and any other proposals looking toward world peace."

SEATTLE MACHINISTS LOCAL BACKS PEACE PETITION DRIVE

By Terry Pettus

SEATTLE, June 21.—International Association of Machinists Hope Lodge 79 and United Office and Professional Workers Local 85 here have endorsed the World Peace Pledge.

The IAM local here is the first large metal trades local to back the Stockholm Pledge. A special peace committee has been set up to guide the signature campaign among the local's several thousand members.

UOPWA Local 85 will concentrate on street circulation of petitions in downtown Seattle.

Announcement of the two locals' endorsement of the peace pledge was made as various groups enthusiastically opened a crusade for 200,000 signatures throughout the state of Washington.

The Seattle Youth Sponsoring Committee for the World Peace Appeal announced its acceptance of a quota of 10,000 signatures. The committee was a sponsor of the recent international peace rally on the U.S.-Canadian border.

7th Day Baptists Urge A-Bomb Ban

VERONA, N. Y., June 21.—Resolutions calling on President Truman to use his influence to outlaw the use of the H-bomb and enter into "further sincere" attempts for world peace, were passed here during a business meeting concluding the three-day 11th annual session of the Central Association of the Seventh Day Baptist Churches.

The first resolution requested President Truman to "enter into further sincere attempts" for world peace, "either through official channels or through personal efforts."

In the second resolution the Baptists urged Truman to use his influence to outlaw use of the hydrogen bomb "or to guarantee that the U. S. will not initiate its use on any occasion other than the defense of the country."

The Central Association is composed of ministers and laymen of Seventh Day Baptist Churches in DeRuyter, Brookfield, Leonardsville, Adams Center, Syracuse and Verona.

3,000 in Wisconsin Capital Sign Peace Plea

MADISON, Wis., June 21.—Students and workers of Wisconsin's capital city Friday were leading all cities in the state in collecting signatures calling for outlawing of atomic weapons. They have brought in 3,000 signatures on Labor Peace Committee petitions.

Meanwhile, the 104th annual conference of the Wisconsin Methodist Church in Waukesha adopted a resolution aimed at Sen. McCarthy, which said: "Democracy stands in the gravest peril if . . . we lose the birthright of loyal Americans to express new, vigorous and even unpopular ideas."

The Pioneer Women, a Zionist organization, meeting in Milwaukee, assailed McCarthy for his "divisive tactics" in "libelling Americans without just trials."

Get 300 Signers for Peace in West Allis

WEST ALLIS, Wis., June 21.—More than 300 signatures were collected to a petition to outlaw the A-bomb as a picnic here of several Croatian Fraternal Union lodges.

Northwest Methodists Urge A-Bomb Ban

TACOMA, Wash., June 21.—A resolution calling upon the United States and all other governments to outlaw atomic weapons was endorsed by 700 delegates to the 77th annual Pacific Northwest Conference of the Methodist Church in session here.

The delegates, ministers and laymen and women, represented practically every Methodist congregation in Washington and northern Idaho.

The resolution declared that the "H-bomb is the product of the ultimate of modern warfare which is now directed not only against armies, whole cities or even entire nations, but against all.

"Dr. Albert Einstein declares the 'annihilation of any life on earth has been brought within the range of technical possibilities' by the H-bomb.

"We affirm with the executive commission of the World Council of Churches that 'man's rebellion against his creator has reached such a point that unless stayed it will bring self-destruction upon him.' All this is a perversion. It is against the moral order by which man is bound. It is a sin against God.

Minn. Progressives Pledge Peace Drive

MINNEAPOLIS, June 21.—The Minnesota Progressive Party convention, recently concluded here, has pledged to carry the peace petition drive to all corners of the state.

Judge Edward Totten, chairman, and Fred Ptashne, secretary, both of Minneapolis, were elected to head the party's peace committee, which will organize the campaign.

Walter E. Johnson, New York Mills farmer, and James S. Robertson, St. Paul, were elected chairman and secretary

Pleas for an intensive peace drive were brought to the convention by Iowa Farmers Union leader Fred Stover, national vice-president of the Progressive Party, and Maud Russell, executive director of the Committee for a Democratic Far Eastern Policy.

Questions on Peace

Question: Who is sponsoring the Stockholm appeal? Who is backing the peace appeal in this country?

The Stockholm appeal was issued by the Permanent Committee of the World Congress of the Defenders of Peace at its meeting in Stockholm, Sweden, March 15-19. This committee, whose chairman is the French Nobel prize winner Frederic Joliot-Curie, was set up by the World Peace Congress which was held in Paris in April, 1949.

Among the original signers of the appeal are:

Lazaro Cardenas, former President of Mexico; Pietro Nenni, leader of the Italian Socialist Party; Gabriel d'Arboussier, general secretary of the African Democratic Rally and vice chairman of the Assembly of the French Union (Africa); Louis Saillant, general secretary of the World Federation of Trade Unions; Mme. Ada Alessandrini, secretary of the Christian Peace Movement of Italy; O. John Rogge, Paul Robeson, Johannes Steel, Rockwell Kent of this country; in the USSR, author Ilya Ehrenbourg, Alexander Korneichuk, writer and chairman of Supreme Soviet of the Ukraine, and others.

The petition to ban the bomb under international control and to brand as a war criminal the first nation which would use the bomb was made available in this country by the Peace Information Center, P.O. Box 349, Grand Central Station. Among the organizations circulating the petition are the National Labor Peace Conference, the Youth Sponsoring Committee and many others.

Among prominent Americans who have endorsed this appeal are: Thomas Mann, author; Dr. Anton Carlson, head of the Department of Physics, University of Chicago; Right Rev. Arthur M. Moulton, Protestant Episcopal Bishop (retired) of Utah; Justice James H. Wolfe, of the Utah Supreme Court; Bishop Sherman L. Greene, African Methodist Episcopal Church, Birmingham; Lion Feuchtwanger, author; Crockett Johnson, artist, etc.

Among world personalities who have signed, are Maurice Chevalier, French actor; Marc Chagall, artist; as well as numerous Bishops and priests and Catholic leaders in France and Italy.

Approximately 100,000,000 persons have signed already all over the world and the prospects are for more than three times that number.

Tells NAACP Fight on Met Life Needed to Defeat Bias Housing

By Abner Berry

BOSTON, June 21.—The housing panel of the National Association for Advancement of Colored People national conference here was told that the fight against jimcrow housing cannot be won unless the segregation policies of America's largest private landlord, Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., are defeated.

Mrs. Raphael Hendrix, member of a Negro family for whom the white tenants won a place to live in New York City's Stuyvesant Town development, perked up the panel with her experiences in the fight against housing jimcrow in Met Life's lily-white housing project.

The panel suspended the rules to hear Mrs. Hendrix after she was introduced by Lindsay White, New York branch president. Jimcrow housing cannot be beaten, Mrs. Hendrix asserted, "unless we fight the main battle against Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., the largest private landlord in the United States."

Mrs. Hendrix recounted the threats of violence which her family had received from nameless writers and callers, but said that violence had been prevented when thousands of Stuyvesant Town tenants rallied to her family's defense.

Dr. Frank S. Horne, Assistant to the Federal Administrator of Housing and Home Finance, told the panel that the Housing Acts of 1949 and 1950 were a promise "of increased opportunity" and a threat of jimcrow extension by private enterprise.

The contradiction, he said, arose out of the fact that billions of dollars have been made available in the form of subsidies, grants, lands, and insurance to private developers. Dr. Horne said that these private developers, despite the stated aims of the legislation, can now use government powers and funds to extend residential segregation.

He called for local, state and federal action to defeat the jimcrow lineup of builders, banks, insurance companies and other financial institutions.

Dr. Robert C. Weaver, economist and housing expert, in the same panel, said that the fight against segregated schools and other public facilities "will become academic" unless integrated neighborhoods are the result of the government's slum clearance program.

Clarence Mitchell, NAACP labor secretary, informed the jobs panel that unemployment among Negro workers had grown from 6 percent to nearly 10 percent during 1949.

Mitchell praised Truman, but condemned both the Democratic and Republican parties for the sell-out of FEPC.

In answering a questioner he described the Taft FEPC bill as worthless and said that its anti-Communist provision was "a shotgun after the Communists that'll get all of us." He said it was interesting that the Taft bill exempted atomic energy establishments from its provisions.

In the hall and lunchroom today, delegates discussed NAACP Administrator Roy Wilkins' red-baiting in his speech last night and refused to go along with the "cold shoulder to Communists" directive. One Tennessee doctor objected to the injection of red-baiting, because, he said, he had been called a Communist back in Tennessee for carrying on the work of the NAACP. "I'm against communism," he said, "but I'm willing to work with them for the things that the NAACP is for." And this has been the attitude of the delegates as they have gone about their work of formulating resolutions on the various issues relating to civil rights.

Africans regard American aid to

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Marc to Speak At Garden Rally

Rep. Vito Marcantonio will be a featured speaker at the "Fighting at the Garden" rally on Wednesday evening, June 28, the Civil Rights Congress announced yesterday.

The rally, sponsored by the CRC, is being held to "unify the drives for peace, freedom for political prisoners, an end to jimcrow frameups and the defense of labor's rights into one mighty force, the CRC said.

The meeting will protest the frameup of the 11 Communist leaders.

Paul Robeson will present his answer to the Peekskill grand jury's whitewash report. Other speakers will be Ben Gold, president of the Fur and Leather Workers Union; Vincent Hallinan, lawyer for Harry Bridges; Gus Hall, national secretary of the Communist Party; Gale Sondergaard, actress and wife of Herbert Biberman of the Hollywood Ten; Earl Conrad, co-author with Heywood Patterson of the best seller Scottsboro Boy; Mrs. Bessie Mitchell, sister of one of the Trenton Six; Mrs. Vita Barsky; Mrs. Betty Fast; Mrs. Edith Marzani; Mrs. Alvah Bessie, and Mrs. Jacob Auslander.

In addition, the CRC announced the rally will serve as a great demonstration to demand stays of execution for Willie McGee in Mississippi, and the Martinsville Seven in Virginia. All eight are innocent Negroes who face death in five weeks on framed "rape" charges.

Rally to Defend '11' Madison Sq. Garden Wednesday, June 28

Dennis Tells Why He Can't Appear at Appeal

Eugene Dennis, general secretary of the Communist Party, who is attorney for himself in the Foley Square case, released to the press a letter to Judge Learned Hand explaining why he will not participate in oral arguments opening today in the U. S. Court of Appeals. Text of the letter follows:

June 16, 1950.

Hon. Learned Hand
U.S. Court of Appeals Foley Square, New York
Honorable Sir:

I desire to inform the Court that I shall be obliged to rest on the record, my summation and the defense briefs and will not participate in the oral argument. I am unwillingly forced to this decision for the reasons which follow.

When the Attorney General's office refused to consent to a stay of execution on May 12 and imprisoned me, it made it virtually impossible for me to prepare effectively for argument of the appeal. This was aggravated when the United States Attorney for the Southern District opposed the request of defense counsel that I be released on bail after June 7, the return day of the Government's brief. This request was made so that I could confer adequately with counsel, consult the record and exhibits and have available other facilities needed for preparation.

This opposition not only increased the disability I have been forced to work under, but it served seriously to impede the final preparation of the defense as a whole.

In view of this, and in view of the arbitrary actions of the Justice Department which deprives me and my co-defendants of due process, I am therefore compelled, under protest, to forego oral argument. There is need, however, for a final consultation with co-counsel and several of my co-defendants on our reply to the Government's 400 page brief. I therefore request that Monday, June 19, be allowed for such consultation.

In respect to the coercive action of the Department of Justice, in this instance, I must add that these actions are in line with the reactionary policies of the Federal Administration and its bi-partisan supports.

It should surprise no one that an Administration which organizes a new anti-Communist axis—the North Atlantic military alliance, and prepares for a blitzkrieg atomic war—would not hesitate to flaunt and violate constitutional and democratic processes.

It places political opponents of its bi-partisan war program in "protective custody," while it gives free reign to lynchers, cartellists, and to Nazis and Japanese war criminals whom it restores to governmental power and converts into "allies."

It institutes pro-fascist labor controls, loyalty oaths and political heresy trials, as well as other police state measures. Its sinister nullification of the Bill of Rights and drive towards fascism is matched only by the aggressions and barbarisms of its criminal war preparations.

Whether or not Your Honor agrees with this, it must be recognized that while it is an unconstitutional deprivation for a defendant acting as attorney pro se to prepare his defense under duress embracing impossible conditions, the evil is compounded when this state of affairs is utilized by an Administration to jeopardize the rights and interest not only of eleven defendants, and the political party they represent, but also the democratic rights of the American people.

Nevertheless, I am supremely confident of the vindication of our Party and its leaders before the American people, who, deeply cherishing liberty and ardently desiring peace, will call to account the war instigators and the men of Wall Street, the engineers of this un-American, thought-control frameup and will return our country to its historic democratic path.

Respectfully,
EUGENE DENNIS.

Bart Rips Move to Gag 'Worker' at Un-American Probe

By Mel Fiske

WASHINGTON, June 21.—In fast and furious verbal battles that had the House Un-American Committee reeling, Philip Bart, general manager of the Daily Worker, today condemned the committee to its face for attempting to curtail freedom of the press.

The Un-Americans' move obviously had as one of its aims the smearing of the Daily Worker for having publicized the involvement of Un-Americans' chairman John S. Wood (D-Ga) in a $1,000 kickback from a man who collected a $10,000 claim from the government.

Bart forced the committee to retreat from its line of questioning about the Daily Worker when he told them that the committee was "infringing on the First Amendment to the Constitution which guarantees freedom of the press."

When the committee's hour-long fishing expedition involving passports and names was brought to an end by acting chairman Francis Walters (D-Pa) Bart boomed that the committee was trying to "send all America to jail."

Asked by reporters whether Bart would be cited for contempt, Walter said he saw no reason "why we shouldn't proceed against him on a charge of contempt."

Throughout the questioning, Bart repeated his condemnations of the committee. He reiterated that the committee did not seek answers to questions, but sought

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Appeals Court Told Conviction of 11 Is Cold-War Persecution

By Harry Raymond

A three-man Federal appeals court was told yesterday that the trial and conviction of the 11 national Communist leaders constituted "cynical recruitment of the criminal law for political purposes" of a war-bent government. One by one, three of a battery of five defense attorneys arose in the high vaulted oak paneled Circuit Court of Appeals to lash the frame-up of the 11 as an effort to scrap traditional American rights of freedom of speech, press and assembly. The historic argument on appeal of the conviction of the Communists opened at 10:30 a.m. before Judges Learned Hand, Thomas Swan and Harrie Chase. Argument on behalf of the 11 will conclude today. Government prosecutors are scheduled to conclude Friday.

Eugene Dennis, general secretary of the Communist Party and attorney on his own behalf, was kept locked in his cell in the Federal House of Detention, where he is serving a year on a frame-up charge of contempt of the House Un-American Committee.

Legal observers expressed the opinion that Dennis, as his own counsel, should have at least been granted the right of being present Dennis had advised the court under protest that prison conditions were such as to make it impossible to adequately prepare his argument.

The appeal, declared attorney A. J. Isserman, "comes at a time of growing international tensions, at a time when total diplomacy has become the slogan of the day, when opposition to war is branded as disloyalty, when terms such as 'spy' and 'saboteur' and 'fifth column' are increasingly used to silence political opposition."

Conviction of the Communists on charges of violating the Smith Act, Isserman declared, "has been shaped to political needs."

"Appellants' political opposition has now been converted into a pretext for transforming the character of this case and for accusing appellants of newly-invented cold war crimes," he told the court.

The court, during a three and a half hour session, also heard attorneys Harry Sacher and Louis F. McCabe.

PERIL TO CONSTITUTION

"If the Constitution as we have known it is to survive," said Sacher, "it requires a reversal in this case. We think our country will no longer be the same if the Smith Act is to be maintained as a curb on the right to speak and think."

McCabe argued that trial judge Harold R. Medina erred in con-

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Convention of CP Set for Dec. 14-17

By Michael Russo
Assistant National Organizational Secretary, Communist Party

A decision to hold the National Convention of the Communist Party on Dec. 14 through 17, highlighted a meeting in New York last weekend of the Party's National Committee. Presided over by Gus Hall, national secretary, the meeting heard and discussed a number of reports dealing with current problems of vital interest to labor and the people generally.

The meeting heard John Williamson, National Labor Secretary of the Party, emphasize the need to place the issue of peace in the very center of all trade union activities.

"In line with the decisions of the National Committee plenum," Williamson said, "we have been striving to show the connection between war preparations, the cold war and the resulting political climate on all phases of attacks on workers and the trade unions. This is a day-to-day job which needs much improvement. It is not yet the chief task in the minds of Party trade union members and especially Left trade union leaders."

"While it was and is correct," he said, "to show the intimate connections between the struggle for immediate economic and political demands and the cold war and war economy—and much more has to be done in this respect—we must beware, however, of being one-sided. We must show that labor's interest in the struggle for peace goes deeper than that."

In his report, he reemphasized the existence of a powerful sentiment for peace among the workers which was only partially reflected and registered in the 209,000 signatures gathered by the Labor Peace Conference.

ENDORSES PROPOSALS

The National Committee fully endorsed his recommendation that the entire party membership—especially those working in shops—extend every possible support to the campaign of the Labor Conference for Peace to gather one million signatures on the Stockholm Appeal in the shops and organize a network of Labor Committees for Peace throughout the nation.

Particular emphasis was placed on the need to carry this activity into plants under rightwing leadership. "Without involving and bringing forward labor as the key factor in the struggle against war," Williamson warned, "the peace movement now developing will not have the necessary stability."—

The shameful betrayal of the interests of millions of American workers by the cold war agents of big business in the ranks of labor was clearly shown in the section of Williamson's report dealing with strike struggles, wage settlements and trade union conventions in the recent period.

"The most significant things to be noted in all recent developments," reported Williamson, "is the deliberate plan of rightwing labor leaders to tie the workers down with long-term contracts. In this respect the General Motors contract is outstanding. We justly called it a Cold War contract and showed that for five years the workers will be exposed to the fiercest speedup in the auto industry. Big business is placing all its hopes in Reuther to realize even greater profits through speedup. Growing corporation attacks on the workers lay the basis for a new level of struggle in defense of their unions and economic interests."

INTENSIFY STRUGGLE

"The major conclusion to be drawn from all this," said Williamson, "is to intensify the struggle against labor reformism, especially in the concentration industries, by building the united front of the rank and file in struggle around the most pressing issues. Only in this way," he continued, "would militant workers who are plagued by mounting grievances but who hesitate to strike under reformist leadership, act in defense of their interests.

"The base betrayal of labor's interests by the rightwing leadership was the dominant characteristic in the conventions of the Right-led Internationals — Steel, Textile, and Amalgamated Clothing Workers of the CIO and the International Ladies Garment Workers of the AFL.

"In their preoccupation with the cold war, the most blatant expression of which was the foreign policy of the ILGWU convention, the rightwing labor leaders completely ignored the most burning grievances facing the workers. Also marked was the small number of Negro delegates at these conventions.

"Only in the conventions of the left-led unions was the real interest of the workers reflected. A notable feature of the conventions of left-led unions was the role of the Negro delegates who showed a much

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Point of Order

By ALAN MAX

Editors of cold-war papers keep writing that Marcantonio can't win, and they are having considerable success in convincing editors of cold-war papers.

Un-Americans Try to Smear Peace Petitions

Daily Worker Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, June 21.—The House Un-American Committee was blasted as "legislative agents for the war profiteers," as it sought tonight to probe into the New York Labor Conference for Peace, which is spearheading a campaign to collect millions of signatures on peace petitions.

Marcel Scherer, coordinator of the conference, told the committee that the attempted smear of the growing peace movement "is a disservice to our nation when we should all be working for peace."

Scherer asked acting committee chairman Francis Walters (D-Pa) and Rep. Harold Velde (R-Ill) to sign the Stockholm peace pledges now being circulated through labor unions in the state. They refused. Velde said he would sign only if assured that the peace conference wasn't "Communist dominated."

Scherer retorted that the peace conference didn't ask anyone who signs his religious, political or other affiliations. "We ask all people to sign. We know everyone wants peace, not war," he said.

In a statement issued after being questioned for an hour by the committee, Scherer charged that the committee hoped to stop the growth of a peace movement. "My compelled appearance before the House Un-American Committee represents an attack on the growing peace forces of America and throughout the world," he declared.

"The people demand peace and shall have peace," he said. "The same forces that hate unions—now as in the past—are today seeking to oil the war machine with the blood of men, women and children.

For more than half an hour, Frank Tavenner, committee counsel, sought to question Scherer about his organizing work as an officer of the Federation of Architects, Engineers, Chemists and Technicians.

Scherer criticized Tavenner for asking about a telegram to Judge Harold Medina condemning the persecution of the 11 Communist leaders when their trial opened in New York last year. Scherer maintained the committee couldn't take away the right of every American to criticize government officials.

Scherer's attorney, Emmanual Bloch, of New York, twice forced Walters to admit that the committee was not following lawful procedure, but Walters ordered Tavenner to ask the questions anyway.

O'D Decrees 8-Cent Bus Fares on July 1

Fare on all private bus lines will be eight cents—a one-cent increase—beginning July 1, Mayor O'Dwyer announced at City Hall yesterday. With the exception of the Third Avenue and the Fifth Avenue lines, which already charge 8 and 12 cents respectively, all of the other privately operated surface lines have been granted an "interim fare increase."

The combination ride on those lines for bus-subway transfers will be 15 cents instead of 12 cents, with the companies getting 7 cents of that.

The Mayor attempted to make it appear that the fare increase was "merely interim" and that nothing final will be decided until the three-man committee studying the private fare arrangement has completed its report. He raised the possibility that the fare might be higher after the final study had been made. All the companies are asking for a 10-cent ride.

The committee, appointed by the Mayor, consists of Deputy Mayor William Reid, Assistant Corporation Counsel Charles Preusse and Chief Board of Transportation Account Isidore Spinrad.

FREEDOM PARLEY TONIGHT

A working conference sponsored jointly by the Civil Rights Congress and the National Non-Partisan Committee for the Defense of the Communist Leaders will be held tonight (Thursday) 8 p.m., at the Waldorf Room of the Hotel Capitol, 51 Street and Eighth Avenue.

The conference will deal with the campaign for amnesty for political prisoners; freedom for Willie McGee and the Martinsville Seven, framed Negroes awaiting execution and dismissal of the prosecution of the 11 Communist leaders.

The conference, it was indicated, will also act to spur a packed Garden rally next Wednesday night, called to protest the witchhunt jailings.

Fired by Hilliard For Union Activity

Mrs. Edith F. Goldner, an official of the United Public Workers, has been fired by Welfare Commissioner Raymond Hilliard for union activity. The dismissal is effective as of last Monday. Recommendations for her dismissal were made by Mrs. Ruth W. Whaley, director of staff relations.

Mrs. Goldner was charged with writing a pamphlet criticizing the Welfare Department's starvation policies. The pamphlet was written by Frank Herbst, representative of Local 1, UPW.

Herbst said yesterday, "The dismissal of Edith Goldner proves beyond doubt that no Welfare Department employe can get a fair hearing before Hilliard's appointees.

"The Welfare Department didn't even try to prove at the hearing that Mrs. Goldner wrote the pamphlet "Welfare in Crisis." They produced one witness, a woman by the name of Isabelle Furey, to testify that she saw Mrs. Goldner typing union material during the working days of April 18 and 19. Miss Furey fixed the times when Mrs. Goldner was typing by the comings and goings of the supervisor, Abraham Schiller. But when Schiller was called to the witness stand, he testified that on those days he was out of the office on personal business.

"The union will fight this dismissal with every means at its disposal."

Jimcrow Clause in Draft Bill Defeated

WASHINGTON, June 21.—The Senate today defeated a provision to the draft extension bill that would have given further aid to Army jimcrow practices by permitting draftees to insist on serving in units of their own "race." The rollcall vote was 42 to 29.

USSR Protests Again to Iran

LONDON, June 21.—The Soviet Union has sent Iran a new protest note in connection with its charges that the activities of American oil prospectors along the Soviet-Iranian border endanger Soviet security, Radio Moscow said tonight.

School Board Meets Tonight

The Board of Education is expected at its meeting this afternoon to continue the ban on The Nation, liberal magazine.

Theodore Kiendl, newly appointed trial examiner for the eight suspended teachers, is due to set the dates of the trials.

4,000 in Red Hook Sign Peace Petitions

By Jack Karan

Brooklyn longshoremen and their families responded with a bang to the campaign for peace petitions, as more than 4,000 signatures were collected in Red Hook and on the piers in the first few days.

The petition campaign of the Brooklyn Division, New York Labor Conference for Peace, was launched last Monday as part of the national campaign for 5,000,000 signatures. Signatures were collected on the docks, on street corners and from house to house.

Jumping the gun on the Thursday before the official start, five canvassers collected 260 signatures in less than two hours on the Atlantic Basin and Erie Basin piers.

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Ask Removal Of Bodies from Nazi Defilement

In a formal application filed yesterday with Secretary of State Dean Acheson the American Jewish Labor Council requested permission to disinter and remove Jewish dead from Western Germany.

Identical applications were filed with the ambassadors of France and Great Britain for transmission to their governments. The American Jewish Labor Council offered to assume full responsibility for the costs involved in the projected operation.

The request was based on the appeal issued by Chief Rabbi Wilhelm Weinberg of the State of Hesse, U.S. Zone, who reported the desecration of 80 Jewish cemeteries in Western Germany, 30 of them in the State of Hesse. Since Rabbi Weinberg's report the Jewish Labor Council stated "desecrations have continued on even a larger scale. According to a report by U.S. Commissioner for Hesse James R. Newman at the end of May, more than 200 of the 500 Jewish cemeteries of Germany have been desecrated since the Nazi surrender in 1945." A memorandum including a list of defiled Jewish cemeteries was submitted The list includes: Ansbach, Dansfeld, Frankfort, Goettingen, Hemsbach, Kassel, Kleinbardorf, Michelstadt, Munich, Trier, Wallsto the State Department and to the British and French embassies. dorf, Wermels-Kirchen and Wuerzburg.

The American Jewish Labor Council also stated it was calling on other Jewish organizations to join with it in its undertaking.

Telly Shut for Ninth Day

A second "exploratory" meeting between New York World-Telegram & Sun strike leaders and publisher representatives produced "nothing definite" yesterday, a CIO Newspaper Guild spokesman said.

The paper stayed shut for the ninth day yesterday, with the 1,000 workers belonging to AFL and independent craft unions refusing to cross the Guild picket line. Some 500 editorial and commercial workers walked out. Benefits are being paid to the strikers and to members of AFL International Typographical Union Local 6.

The CIO Steel union contributed $15,000 to the strike, it was announced yesterday.

Principal union demands are a 10 percent wage increase, 35-hour week, Guild shop and conditions comparable to those on other large papers.

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Un-Americans Cite 39 Hawaii Residents

WASHINGTON, June 21.—Contempt of Congress citations were voted today against 39 residents of Hawaii who last month challenged the authority of the House Un-American Committee to inquire into their personal beliefs.

The citations were voted by "a quorum of the full committee," acting chairman Francis Walters (D-Pa) announced late today. The House must vote on each individual citation.

32 Families in Rent Strike for Repairs

Thirty-two families at 81 and 83 Ridge St., Manhattan, are on a rent strike to force building repairs.

A community meeting will be held tonight in front of the two houses under the auspices of the East Side Tenants Council.

CRC GARMENT AREA RALLY LAUNCHES CARAVAN TOUR

The Manhattan Civil Rights Congress Caravan for Peace and Freedom got rolling yesterday, with a noontime street rally attended by 200 at 31 Street and Eighth Avenue. Thousands of peace signatures were obtained in the garment center.

The Caravan will cover every area of Manhattan with 35 sound truck meetings in the coming week, leading up to the Fighting At the Garden rally next Wednesday evening to protest the wave of witchhunt jailings.

Speakers at the garment center rally included Claudia Jones, Negro woman leader and secretary of the Communist Party's National Women's Commission; Claire Rodney, executive secretary, Manhattan CRC; Ewart Guinier, secretary-treasurer, United Public Workers, and Abe Feingold, one of eight Jewish teachers suspended by the Board of Education and two garment workers.

Tonight (Thursday) the Caravan will roll on to 66 Street and Broadway and Lenox Avenue at 115 Street at 7 p.m., and 26 Street and Eighth Avenue, and Seventh Avenue and 134 Street, at 8:30 p.m.

Switchmen To Call Strike

CHICAGO, June 22.—The AFL Switchmen's Union announced today it would strike on five Western and midwestern railroads Sunday.

Dennis Tells Why He Can't Appear at Appeal

Eugene Dennis, general secretary of the Communist Party, who is attorney for himself in the Foley Square case, released to the press a letter to Judge Learned Hand explaining why he will not participate in oral arguments opening today in the U. S. Court of Appeals. Text of the letter follows:

June 16, 1950.

Hon. Learned Hand
U.S. Court of Appeals Foley Square, New York
Honorable Sir:

I desire to inform the Court that I shall be obliged to rest on the record, my summation and the defense briefs and will not participate in the oral argument. I am unwillingly forced to this decision for the reasons which follow.

When the Attorney General's office refused to consent to a stay of execution on May 12 and imprisoned me, it made it virtually impossible for me to prepare effectively for argument of the appeal. This was aggravated when the United States Attorney for the Southern District opposed the request of defense counsel that I be released on bail after June 7, the return day of the Government's brief. This request was made so that I could confer adequately with counsel, consult the record and exhibits and have available other facilities needed for preparation.

This opposition not only increased the disability I have been forced to work under, but it served seriously to impede the final preparation of the defense as a whole.

In view of this, and in view of the arbitrary actions of the Justice Department which deprives me and my co-defendants of due process, I am therefore compelled, under protest, to forego oral argument. There is need, however, for a final consultation with co-counsel and several of my co-defendants on our reply to the Government's 400 page brief. I therefore request that Monday, June 19, be allowed for such consultation.

In respect to the coercive action of the Department of Justice, in this instance, I must add that these actions are in line with the reactionary policies of the Federal Administration and its bi-partisan supports.

It should surprise no one that an Administration which organizes a new anti-Communist axis—the North Atlantic military alliance, and prepares for a blitzkrieg atomic war—would not hesitate to flaunt and violate constitutional and democratic processes.

It places political opponents of its bi-partisan war program in "protective custody," while it gives free reign to lynchers, cartellists, and to Nazis and Japanese war criminals whom it restores to governmental power and converts into "allies."

It institutes pro-fascist labor controls, loyalty oaths and political heresy trials, as well as other police state measures. Its sinister nullification of the Bill of Rights and drive towards fascism is matched only by the aggressions and barbarisms of its criminal war preparations.

Whether or not Your Honor agrees with this, it must be recognized that while it is an unconstitutional deprivation for a defendant acting as attorney pro se to prepare his defense under duress embracing impossible conditions, the evil is compounded when this state of affairs is utilized by an Administration to jeopardize the rights and interest not only of eleven defendants, and the political party they represent, but also the democratic rights of the American people.

Nevertheless, I am supremely confident of the vindication of our Party and its leaders before the American people, who, deeply cherishing liberty and ardently desiring peace, will call to account the war instigators and the men of Wall Street, the engineers of this un-American, thought-control frameup and will return our country to its historic democratic path.

Respectfully,
EUGENE DENNIS.

Bart Rips Move to Gag 'Worker' at Un-American Probe

By Mel Fiske

WASHINGTON, June 21.—In fast and furious verbal battles that had the House Un-American Committee reeling, Philip Bart, general manager of the Daily Worker, today condemned the committee to its face for attempting to curtail freedom of the press.

The Un-Americans' move obviously had as one of its aims the smearing of the Daily Worker for having publicized the involvement of Un-Americans' chairman John S. Wood (D-Ga) in a $1,000 kickback from a man who collected a $10,000 claim from the government.

Bart forced the committee to retreat from its line of questioning about the Daily Worker when he told them that the committee was "infringing on the First Amendment to the Constitution which guarantees freedom of the press."

When the committee's hour-long fishing expedition involving passports and names was brought to an end by acting chairman Francis Walters (D-Pa) Bart boomed that the committee was trying to "send all America to jail."

Asked by reporters whether Bart would be cited for contempt, Walter said he saw no reason "why we shouldn't proceed against him on a charge of contempt."

Throughout the questioning, Bart repeated his condemnations of the committee. He reiterated that the committee did not seek answers to questions, but sought

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Appeals Court Told Conviction of 11 Is Cold-War Persecution

By Harry Raymond

A three-man Federal appeals court was told yesterday that the trial and conviction of the 11 national Communist leaders constituted "cynical recruitment of the criminal law for political purposes" of a war-bent government. One by one, three of a battery of five defense attorneys arose in the high vaulted oak paneled Circuit Court of Appeals to lash the frame-up of the 11 as an effort to scrap traditional American rights of freedom of speech, press and assembly. The historic argument on appeal of the conviction of the Communists opened at 10:30 a.m. before Judges Learned Hand, Thomas Swan and Harrie Chase. Argument on behalf of the 11 will conclude today. Government prosecutors are scheduled to conclude Friday.

Eugene Dennis, general secretary of the Communist Party and attorney on his own behalf, was kept locked in his cell in the Federal House of Detention, where he is serving a year on a frame-up charge of contempt of the House Un-American Committee.

Legal observers expressed the opinion that Dennis, as his own counsel, should have at least been granted the right of being present Dennis had advised the court under protest that prison conditions were such as to make it impossible to adequately prepare his argument.

The appeal, declared attorney A. J. Isserman, "comes at a time of growing international tensions, at a time when total diplomacy has become the slogan of the day, when opposition to war is branded as disloyalty, when terms such as 'spy' and 'saboteur' and 'fifth column' are increasingly used to silence political opposition."

Conviction of the Communists on charges of violating the Smith Act, Isserman declared, "has been shaped to political needs."

"Appellants' political opposition has now been converted into a pretext for transforming the character of this case and for accusing appellants of newly-invented cold war crimes," he told the court.

The court, during a three and a half hour session, also heard attorneys Harry Sacher and Louis F. McCabe.

PERIL TO CONSTITUTION

"If the Constitution as we have known it is to survive," said Sacher, "it requires a reversal in this case. We think our country will no longer be the same if the Smith Act is to be maintained as a curb on the right to speak and think."

McCabe argued that trial Judge Harold R. Medina erred in con-

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Convention of CP Set for Dec. 14-17

By Michael Russo
Assistant National Organizational Secretary, Communist Party

A decision to hold the National Convention of the Communist Party on Dec. 14 through 17, highlighted a meeting in New York last weekend of the Party's National Committee. Presided over by Gus Hall, national secretary, the meeting heard and discussed a number of reports dealing with current problems of vital interest to labor and the people generally.

The meeting heard John Williamson, National Labor Secretary of the Party, emphasize the need to place the issue of peace in the very center of all trade union activities.

"In line with the decisions of the National Committee plenum," Williamson said, "we have been striving to show the connection between war preparations, the cold war and the resulting political climate on all phases of attacks on workers and the trade unions. This is a day-to-day job which needs much improvement. It is not yet the chief task in the minds of Party trade union members and especially Left trade union leaders."

"While it was and is correct," he said, "to show the intimate connections between the struggle for immediate economic and political demands and the cold war and war economy—and much more has to be done in this respect—we must beware, however, of being one-sided. We must show that labor's interest in the struggle for peace goes deeper than that."

In his report, he reemphasized the existence of a powerful sentiment for peace among the workers which was only partially reflected and registered in the 200,000 signatures gathered by the Labor Peace Conference.

ENDORSES PROPOSALS

The National Committee fully endorsed his recommendation that the entire party membership—especially those working in shops—extend every possible support to the campaign of the Labor Conference for Peace to gather one million signatures on the Stockholm Appeal in the shops and organize a network of Labor Committees for Peace throughout the nation.

Particular emphasis was placed on the need to carry this activity into plants under rightwing leadership. "Without involving and bringing forward labor as the key factor in the struggle against war," Williamson warned, "the peace movement now developing will not have the necessary stability."

The shameful betrayal of the interests of millions of American workers by the cold war agents of big business in the ranks of labor was clearly shown in the section of Williamson's report dealing with strike struggles, wage settlements and trade union conventions in the recent period.

"The most significant things to be noted in all recent developments," reported Williamson, "is the deliberate plan of rightwing labor leaders to tie the workers down with long-term contracts. In this respect the General Motors contract is outstanding. We justly called it a Cold War contract and showed that for five years the workers will be exposed to the fiercest speedup in the auto industry. Big business is placing all its hopes in Reuther to realize even greater profits through speedup. Growing corporation attacks on the workers lay the basis for a new level of struggle in defense of their unions and economic interests."

INTENSIFY STRUGGLE

"The major conclusion to be drawn from all this," said Williamson, "is to intensify the struggle against labor reformism, especially in the concentration industries, by building the united front of the rank and file in struggle around the most pressing issues. Only in this way," he continued, "would militant workers who are plagued by mounting grievances but who hesitate to strike under reformist leadership, act in defense of their interests.

"The base betrayal of labor's interests by the rightwing leadership was the dominant characteristic in the conventions of the Right-led Internationals — Steel, Textile, and Amalgamated Clothing Workers of the CIO and the International Ladies Garment Workers of the AFL.

"In their preoccupation with the cold war, the most blatant expression of which was the foreign policy of the ILGWU convention, the rightwing labor leaders completely ignored the most burning grievances facing the workers. Also marked was the small number of Negro delegates at these conventions.

"Only in the conventions of the left-led unions was the real interest of the workers reflected. A notable feature of the conventions of left-led unions was the role of the Negro delegates who showed a much

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Point of Order

By ALAN MAX

Editors of cold-war papers keep writing that Marcantonio can't win and they are having considerable success in convincing editors of cold-war papers.

MARITIME PAGE

Appears Every Thursday in the Daily Worker

4,000 Sign Peace Pleas In Red Hook

By Jack Karan

Brooklyn longshoremen and their families responded with a bang to the campaign for peace petitions, as more than 4,000 signatures were collected in Red Hook and on the piers in the first few days.

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Pact with USSR Aids British Dockers

British longshoremen will have more jobs next year as a result of a contract between Britain and the Soviet Union whereby the U.S.S.R. will supply 500,000 tons of timber to England—twice as much as last year.

Britain is also negotiating for more Russian grain.

Who's Stealing From Whom?

Because William Hayes, Negro longshoreman, who is 51 and is disabled, collected $274 in unemployment insurance to feed his wife and 10 children while picking up two days work a week on the docks, Magistrate Schowb sent him to jail for 90 days. He wouldn't let Hayes—or six other longshoremen whom he also sent to jail—pay it back out of future payments which is the normal procedure in such cases. This, said the judge, was "plain stealing."

Who stole Haye's health and earning capacity when he injured his back on the docks two years ago and had to undergo a spinal operation? Who stole his chance of making a living as a clerk, for which he was qualified by education, because of his color? Who stole the full compensation for a lifetime of hard work on the docks in which Hayes piled up profits for the shipowners yet couldn't save a few dollars to feed his family when times got tough?

Magistrate Schowb is not concerned with this. He is only interested in dispensing boss justice. It's the same kind of justice that frees Nazi big shots who stole billions and murdered millions yet sends a Negro longshoreman to jail because he tried to keep his 10 kids from starving.

Why Curran Pushed Through Quickie Vote for Sellout Pact

Members of the National Martime Union voted yesterday on the new agreements and hiring hall clause recommended by Joseph Curran, NMU president. George Guilmet, chairman of the NMU United Rank and File in New York, charged that "this 24-hour quickie vote jammed through in unholy haste by the Curran machine demonstrates that they realize the rank and file would overwhelmingly reject their sellout, given a real referendum and a chance to study the agreements."

Results of the 24-hour vote are expected to be announced shortly.

The NMU Rank and File Committee yesterday issued a sixpage factual point by point examination of the recommended agreements and hiring hall clause, called upon the membership to vote against acceptance and to fight for the originally published NMU demands. The agreements, if accepted, would cover all ships under NMU contract, dry-cargo and passenger vessls as well as tanker and colliers.

The Rank and File Committee made the following points in urging a "No" vote:

• The agreement writes the Taft-Hartley Act into the union contract with the wording "The union agrees to maintain, administer and operate its employment offices in accordance with law and assume sole responsibility therefore."

• "Sole responsibility" for the law means that the NMU has not only given up the fight against T-H but now agrees to become the policeman for T-H enforcement. To seamen, T-H means the company's **UNLIMITED FIGHT** to reject job applicants, with no course left open to the union except to "send another applicant."

The T-H law prohibits "discrimination" against non-union members in hiring. Curran has already told the membership that the shipping rules would have to be amended to allow non-union people to register. But the T-H says "hiring," not "registering."

The T-H law also provides that no supervisory employe can be included in a trade union bargaining unit. Under the Curran agreement this means that if the NLRB issued a ruling tomorrow that Chief Stewards, Storekeepers, Bosn's, etc., were supervisory personnel (which they are aboardship), the NMU would have no alternative but to cease to represent such ratings, having assumed "sole responsibility" to enforce Taft-Hartley!

Pointing out the double-talk of Curran on Taft-Hartley and the hiring hall in recent months, the Rank and File fact sheet says:

"The whole line put forward in recent months (by the Curran administration) was that the Taft-Hartley Act had to be amended in order to **allow our halls to operate.** The number one propaganda point, in every **Pilot** issue, was the urging of all hands, all ships' crews, to send wires and resolutions to Congress backing the Magnuson-Lensinski bill to amend T-H.

"Now Curran comes to us with a contract which has Taft-Hartley and its enforcement written into it and says that it 'is better' than it ever was before."

Quoting the section of the agreement which reads: "In the hiring of unlicensed personnel the company will prefer competent and dependable applicants who have been previously employed on vessels of **one or more of the companies** under agreement with the union," the Rank and File comments:

"A seaman's discharge may be sufficient evidence that he was employed on vessels of one or more of the companies, but **WHERE WILL THE COMPANIES GO FOR THEIR EVIDENCE THAT HE WAS 'COMPETENT AND DEPENDABLE'** while employed on another company's ship? It becomes obvious that the companies look forward to having a list that will enable them to determine whether a seaman was 'competent and dependable' while employed on a vessel in **ANY** company. Thus, Curran's agreement leaves the door wide open for **industry-wide blacklisting.**

"The shipowners have been fighting to get such a set-up ever since the Copeland Fink Book days and Curran now tells the membership, with pride, that his lawyer mouthpiece wrote this cute clause for the shipowners."

On the economic aspects, the Rank and File publication says:

"All of the original demands of the union, as published in the **Pilot** during negotiations, for real economic improvements, were **NOT** won but pushed aside and ditched. These demands included a 15 percent basic wage and overtime increase; the increasing of manning scales; relief crews, paid leaves and increased vacation time, and launch service, etc. **NONE** of these demands were secured.

"The 'great victory,' as announced by the **Pilot** (and praised by the shipowners), contains the following main points:

• "The new hiring hall clause, which it is claimed 'preserves the hiring hall and rotary shipping.'

• "A 'welfare plan.'

• "Agreement to clarify certain duties of certain ratings aboard tankers.

• "Washing machine to be put aboard tankers.

• "No wage or overtime increase.

• "The agreement to run for three years.

"Also announced by the **Pilot** and Curran as a 'victory' was the stipulation 'won from the shipowners' to freeze the manning scales at the present levels, 'no more cuts.'"

All other maritime unions have had the same type of "welfare plan" for more than a year. This plan is said to consist of a 25-cent per day contribution for each employed seaman to the "welfare fund." As administered in the SIU, "the hospital delegate," says the Rank and File group, "when making his rounds in the Marine Hospital, pays each hospitalized seaman $7 per week, and since NMU seamen already receive $5 per week while hospitalized, it is to be expected that we will receive an increase of $2 per week while in the hospital."

The Rank and File further points out that "a $35 per week disability benefit program (paid in addition to the $6 per day collectible from the shipowners) which was won last year by the Marine Cooks, MFOWW and ILWU, was not obtained by the NMU in the present agreement."

Washing machines, it is pointed out, were already aboard the majority of tankers. The stipulation to "maintain manning scales," it is declared, was a sellout based on the fact that the whole campaign of the NMU membership has been to **increase manning scales for more jobs and increase the cuts the shipowners have recently made.**

It comments: "To write into the agreement the maintenance of present scales means only putting the union's stamp of approval on the cuts that have taken place which, during the next three-year period, will not even maintain the jobs we now have but will result in **less jobs.**"

HARD FIGHT AHEAD

Concluding, the Rank and File states:

"No matter how the vote goes or is announced, one thing is clear: There is a hard fight coming, a fight that is going to require the united fighting mobilization of the entire membership, to prevent the shipowners from using this agreement to **smash everything we have won over the past 15 years.**

"Enforce rotary shipping in the hall. Take action against phony company rejections and discrimination, which are aimed at eliminating union fighters and minority group members.

"Fight all blacklisting. Refuse to allow anyone aboardship who has not been dispatched from the hall according to union job rotation. Prepare to take job action in any form to prevent hiring hall violations or any worsening in conditions aboardship. Fight for a strong, democratic, united NMU."

Inquiring Reporter on the N. Y. Docks

QUESTION: What are the main grievances on your pier?

ANSWERS

R.J.—My main grievance is not getting enough work. I'm thinking of getting me a pick and shovel job.

B.L.—Main beef is no work. Steady gangs should work eight hours. Extra gangs get work after eight hours. Trouble is gangs shift from pier to pier and you can't break in.

C. D.—Pier 4 is the worst pier around here. It's slavery. If we open our mouths, we never get a day's work.

G. R.—All piers have speed-up.

J. L.—Some men get over $100 a week steady. Others are lucky to make a day and a half.

E. D.—Speed-up is worst part of it. Shenango boss is on our neck all the time.

L. B.—We need more trade. Ship comes in with 50 tons of cargo.

A. V.—There's no work. A lot of men only a few years on the dock get work. Those with more experience are left out.

M. T.—Too many men for too few jobs. They should close the books.

THE FACTS

The answers indicate that there are two main grievances about which most of the men on the piers complain. They are lack of work and speed-up.

These two grievances are not unrelated. If a proper fight is put up against speed-up, the work would be spread. Therefore, what is needed in the longshore industry is a program for jobs and against speed-up.

The Rank and File Committee has developed the following program that deserves the support of all longshoremen:

ON JOBS

1—A shorter work week.

2—Close the union books.

3—Pension off the older men.

4—Increase trade by removing the ban on shipping to China, Russia, and Eastern Europe.

ON SPEED-UP

1—Limit the sling load to one ton.

2—23 man gang—two men in the hold.

3—Enforce the safety code of the contract.

4—Dock steward elected by the men on every pier to enforce the contract.

5—Better organization among the men so that they will stick together to resist speed-up.

This program is urgently needed to correct some of the worst conditions on the piers. But it is also necessary to point out that as long as we have capitalism, with workers working for bosses' profits, there will be speed-up and unemployment. Only under socialism—when the workers themselves will own the ships and the piers, will we be able to put an end to speed-up and unemployment.

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Says Gov't Uses Trick To Duck Court Rule on Deportation Trials

Immigration authorities postponed until next Monday the first of the deportation hearings to be retried since the Supreme Court ruled that past deportation hearings had been conducted illegally The case involves Morris E. Taft, 70-year-old native of Lithuania.

Isidore Englander, attorney for Taft, indicated yesterday that he would challenge the new procedure used by the Immigration and Naturalization Service. His plea for a longer adjournment was turned down by Miss Clara Binder, hearing examiner.

Englander expressed surprise at the beginning of the hearing to find that Miss Binder was the hearing examiner in the case since she had been an employe of the Immigration and Naturalization Service for 23 years up to April, 1950.

In April she became a civil service employe, technically no longer working for the Service. This was done to permit the Justice Department to get around the Supreme Court ruling.

About 12 former employes of the department switched to civil service status at the same time so that they may act as hearing examiners in the deportation cases.

As a result of the Supreme Court ruling, deportation hearings held in the past will have to be retried. The Taft case will be the first to be tried in New York City since the ruling. There are some 25 similar cases in the city and 125 throughout the country. They are being defended by the American Committee for the Protection of Foreign-Born.

Taft, who has been in the United States 40 years and has four American-born daughters, made three attempts to become a citizen, all of which failed. He has been active in the labor and progressive movement since he came to the United States. For the past year he has been reporting to Ellis Island weekly.

Indict Cop Slayer of Negro, Angry Bronxites Demand

Harlem and Bronx citizens are aroused over the wanton police killing of Thurmond Town, 19-year-old Negro, a member of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, who was shot through the heart May 8. Civil Rights Congress meetings last week and this week have raised the demand that policemen William Alexander and John Croak of the 32nd Precinct be indicted for murder. Another meeting will be held tonight (Thursday) at Mount Pisgah Church, Brook Ave. and 170 St.

Although the police claimed to have shot the youth while "trying to escape," an autopsy ordered by the CRC, showed that four bullets had entered his body from the front, none from the back.

Town, whose family lives at 1728 Brook Ave., the Bronx, was walking near St. Nicholas Park at 137 St. when the cops shot him. They later claimed they thought he was a pocketbook snatcher.

The police produced no one to back their claim that Town was a thief.

DEMAND JUSTICE

Last Saturday, Mrs. Beatrice Town, mother of Thurmond, called on more than 500 Bronx citizens at a street meeting on Prospect Ave. at 161 St. to see to it that justice is obtained. Similar rallies were held throughout the Bronx.

A funeral march, led by four men carrying a coffin and displaying placards demanding an end to police brutality, walked slowly through the streets from Brook Avenue and 171 Street, a block from the Town's home to the Prospect Avenue rally.

More than 20,000 leaflets were taken eagerly by bystanders and more than 500 signatures were collected on petitions demanding that the killer cops be indicted for murder and that an open hearing be held on police brutality.

Listeners at the rally came up to the speakers platform to offer money to help in the fight for justice. One man in the audience joined the speakers to tell his neighbors of his anger at the brutal killing and others helped with the collection of money and signatures.

Speakers at the rally, in addition to Mrs. Town, were Joseph Edelman, representing the rank and file of ILGWU, Abraham Hillman, of the Bronx Committee Against Discrimination; Constance Jackson and Isidore Begun, speaking for the Communist Party; Elaine for the Civil Rights Congress and John Worthy, member of the NAACP. The meeting was chaired by Alan MacKenzie, organizational director of the Bronx American Labor Party.

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CP NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING

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higher degree of maturity and a feeling of citizenship than was ever the case before.

"In view of the intensified attacks by employers, the government, the betraying role of the majority of top trade union leaders, Supreme Court Taft-Hartley interpretations, it is indisputable that today the left progressive trend in the trade unions needs an orientation, perspective, program and an understanding of the direction in which it is going and how to get there.

"The crystallization of the Left-progressive trend through suitable organizational forms to challenge the entire program of reaction and its labor representatives, its effect on the workers, to challenge the policy of government-approved unions, loyalty oaths, Taft-Hartley engineered NLRB elections, and denying to Communists the right to work is a life-and-death question.

FIGHTING APPROACH

"This is a fighting approach which can create confidence in the ability of the workers—despite all difficulties—to break through because of the power of the issues around which we undertake to mobilize them.

"This means no acceptance of expulsions, raids, Taft-Hartley gerrymandering, no sitting-it-out, no bowing to Taft-Hartley and government-approved unionism and voluntarily giving up unions to Murray and Carey and having merely a long-time perspective of rank-and-file minorities in government-approved unions."

Recognizing that the recent enlarged meeting of the National Committee Plenum registered serious shortcomings in the fight for a correct understanding of policy on the Negro question in the trade unions, Williamson noted the greater and sustained attention given to this decisive question in all of its aspects.

The National Committee hailed the recent National Trade Union Conference for Negro Rights as an historic development which can effectively advance the role of Negro workers and the struggle for Negro-white unity.

DRIVE FOR AMNESTY

In a report on the work of the Party Defense Committee, Joseph Brandt, who heads the campaign to Free Dennis, urged the Communist Party to get behind the campaign initiated by the Civil Rights Congress and other organizations to call upon the President of the United States to delcare an amnesty on the occasion of Independence Day, July 4, for Eugene Dennis, the Hollywood Ten, George Marshall, members of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee and the 28 Negroes now facing the electric chair. He urged the utilization of all picnics, affairs and mass rallies being held on Independence Day by the Communist Party and other organizations to rally the people to undertake in a concrete manner the sending of letters, telegrams, and resolutions to President Truman, demanding amnesty for the political prisoners of the cold war.

The National Committee called upon the entire party to help the Civil Rights Congress carry out decisions of its recent Board meeting to expand the struggle for Negro rights and the freedom of Eugene Dennis and the Party leadership.

A commission headed by Alex Bittelman was organized to prepare a detailed report on the economic situation for the consideration of the National Committee.

Other reports dealt with the status of the farmers and migratory workers and the need to improve the nature of our work in this important field.

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Of Things to Come

Negro Tycoons' Stake in Peace

By John Pittman

THE MURPHY FAMILY of Baltimore owns the second largest newspaper enterprise among U. S. Negroes—the **Afro-American** chain of weeklies. The Murphys also enjoy the reputation of being a family dedicated to the interests of the Negro people—a national bourgeois family loyal to its nation, that is, notwithstanding the contradiction in this concept.

So among progressive circles it became something of a commonplace to distinguish the Murphy brand of journalism from the brands of certain other Negro publishers.

What a shock to progressives it was, therefore, to read the Murphy's **Afro-American** of June 10 and find an editorial entitled, "Don't Sign Peace Ballot"! And to read such words as these: "We could not possibly be in favor of outlawing the hydrogen bomb and other atomic weapons. . . . Without our atomic and hydrogen bombs the Russians will march through Alaska and Canada and Chicago and Detroit straight to Washington where peace will be dictated. . . ." And so on to the point of nausea.

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SUCH CRUDE ANTI-SOVIET propaganda would be more becoming in Goebbel's **Voelkischer Beobachter** or one of the organs of Hearst and Roy Howard than in a newspaper owned by Negroes and published purportedly FOR Negroes. However, lest Mr. Carl Murphy be inclined to stand by the words so unfortunately printed, it is necessary to examine them in detail. The first words that catch the eye are "we" and "our." When Mr. Murphy's paper says "We" cannot scrap "our atomic and hydrogen bombs," he identifies himself with Wall Street. But the fact of the matter is that neither the Murphy family nor any other Negro family has had this identification reciprocated in the slightest.

When the Negro bourgeoisie came knocking at the gate of Wall Street, the real titans of finance and industry didn't even toss out a crumb. The Negro bourgeoisie was completely shut out of heavy industry and large-scale light industry. It was even denied the opportunity to monopolize its own market. So the Negro bourgeoisie became a ghetto bourgeoisie—puny, underfed, anemic.

Will a war economy bring any softness to the heart of Wall Street? On the contrary, a war economy not only will not accrue to the advantage of the Negro bourgeoisie, but it already gives evidence of Wall Street's desire to devour all small businesses in the same way that German state monopoly capitalism under Hitler destroyed thousands of small German businesses, feeding them to the maw of the Krupps, Thyssens, Goerings, and IG Farben.

And Mr. Murphy should note especially the growing similarity between Hitler's racism and the Anglo-Saxon, white supremacist ideology of Wall Street. And remember what happened to the Jewish businessmen!

The small bourgeois who pockets a pittance as payment for parroting the words of the executioners of his people lays his own head on the block. He is a fool for whom there would be neither grief nor pity.

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MR. MURPHY'S USE of the word "our" in relation to atomic and hydrogen bombs seems also slightly off base. Have the **Afro-American's** owners not yet learned that the very production of atomic weapons, in addition to being monopoly-controlled, is also jimcrow? That's right, Mr. Carl Murphy, not even you can get a job at Oak Ridge.

But all this is written as if Mr. Murphy's sole concern is that of the bourgeoisie—namely, what he can get out of it to line his own pockets, no matter how many Negro mothers and wives and sweethearts might die of heartbreak for a man who would never come home again. I appeal to Mr. Murphy's self-interest, of course, but I do not wish to disregard the name and traditions of the Murphy family, especially their traditional loyalty to the interests of the Negro people.

What, Mr. Murphy, have Negroes to gain from an atomic war? Who is the threat, Mr. Murphy, the Russians, or the white supremacists of Wall Street and Washington whose racist madness has blinded them to all sense of values, has filled them with a megalomanic arrogance and greed that stops short of nothing save world conquest?

We think the Methodists, United Brethren and ministers' wives whose peace petitions your paper counselled against signing show a far greater sense of reality, a far higher devotion to the Negro people and to all the peoples of the world, than was expressed in that unfortunate editorial.

VIRGIL By Len Kleis

Letters from Readers

Disturbed by "Sidewalk" Roundup

New York

Editor, Daily Worker:

I was disturbed by a journalistic technique employed on the Maritime Page in the Daily Worker of June 8 in a "sidewalk" roundup of opinions by longshoremen on the question of trade with China. While most of the opinions were heartily in favor, two characterized the Soviet Union as "the enemy."

To open the pages of the Daily Worker to repetition of such miserable lies under the pretense of presenting "all sides of the question" seems to me to be way off beam. These lies are printed day after day in nearly all the newspapers of the country. To accept this type of "objective" reporting is, in my opinion, an adoption of bourgeois journalistic techniques.

MICHAEL VARY.

Ed. Note: The sidewalk interview mentioned above was not published without comment. A large section below the men's answers, entitled "The Facts," discusses the objective reasons behind the Soviet Union's solid peace position.

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Judge to Vacation as McGee Faces Death

New York

Editor, Daily Worker:

On June 14, Chief Justice Harvey McGehee, of Mississippi, wrote me in reply to my letter asking that he act to save the life of Willie McGee, the framed Negro scheduled to die on July 27.

His Honor told me that there is nothing he can do about this case, and that he is "going on vacation" and that he is upset by all the letters he is receiving in connection with the planned execution.

If His Honor can find the time to write me, he can find the time to urge his friend Gov. Wright, to halt the execution. If the letters he has received so far move him to write asking that no more come since they disturb his vacation plans, several thousand more such letters may sufficiently disturb the chief of Mississippi's justice so that he will act to save the life of an innocent man.

Herbert Aptheker

Press Roundup

THE MIRROR says Ohio Gov. Frank Lausche is a "statesman." Lausche, a Democrat, has knifed the drive to beat the author of the slave labor law by putting in a plug for Republican Sen. Taft.

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THE HERALD TRIBUNE's Joseph Alsop says you can tell that Western Europe is on the verge of "final victory" by the "conversation of people in the open-air cafes." Alsop knows how the State Department can brush aside the European peace movement. Just "create a bandwagon psychology about the success of the West" and the "cold war will have been pretty well won." Altogether now, let's shout, "Success!"

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THE TIMES runs a long story about the bill outlawing the South African Communist Party. But it's only in the very last sentence that the Times hints at is purpose. The party "has had a special appeal in that it knows no color bar and accepts members of all races," the Times says, but without adding that a Communist Party was bound to be attacked therefore, by the racist South African government.

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THE POST has finally been smoked out on the anti-Marcantonio coalition. It comes crawling to join the coalition behind the tri-party. Farleyite hack, Donovan, terming him an "intelligent, moderate Democrat"—even the **Post** doesn't dare use the "progressive" for the candidate of Wall Street and Tammany. The **Post**, like its fascistic buddies on the other side of the cold war coin, the Hearst press, says the issue is "Communism." The **Post** will learn that the issue is "peace," and that even the unprecedented gangup on America's one congressman who spoke for peace cannot bury that issue.

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THE COMPASS says that the continuing Board of Education ban on **The Nation** is a "travesty on free public education." —R.F.

World of Labor

By George Morris

Shipowners Get a New Club Over the NMU

JOSEPH CURRAN, informing a meeting of National Maritime Union members of the new three-year contract, said the hiring clause in it is "stronger than it was before." He raved at this newspaper for a story quoting his new hiring hall clause and showing how it scraps the historic non-discriminatory rotary hiring system the union won 15 years ago.

Significantly, Curran's own organ, the Pilot, found it necessary to hide the key sentence of the contract. The front page of the paper blazons in two-inch high type "NMU Preserves the Hiring Hall." Below it, boxed off in large boldface type are quoted two paragraphs from the hiring clause, one stating that the companies will hire through the union's "employment offices" and the union will supply "competent and dependable applicants"; the other saying that the union will "maintain, administer and operate its employment offices in accordance with law (Taft-Hartley, that is) and assume sole responsibility thereof."

There is much even in those two paragraphs that is dynamite for the NMU members but not quite apparent to the eye of people—untrained to detect the weasel language of NMU and shipowner lawyers. But preceding those two paragraphs is one that pops into anyone's eye. It says the shipowners agree to procure seamen through the NMU's employment offices "provided that the prospective employes are satisfactory to the company." That the seaman has to dig out of the text of the agreement in fine type on an inside page.

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WHY DIDN'T CURRAN run the entire section of the hiring clause in big bold type on the front page so his members could see the whole truth? Because it reveals most clearly that Taft-Hartleyizing the hiring hall is killing the non-discriminatory rotary hiring principle. His whole line of strategy is to pull the wool over the eyes of the members while the pact is being ratified.

What do the changes in the hiring hall mean?

• The hiring hall is "preserved" but so was the old fink hall a hiring hall. The shipowners don't object to a hiring hall. They objected to a system that prevented them from discriminating.

• A seaman whose turn is reached on the hiring hall shipping list is no longer considered EMPLOYED, when sent. The union only "refers" him to the company and he is only a "prospective applicant" for a job.

• If an applicant is not found "satisfactory" by the company, there is just one thing the union can do: send some more applicants. A clause in the contract won by a former leftwing administration barring discrimination of any sort, is still in the contract. But the company's hiring boss is not required to explain why a "prospective employe" who is a Negro, or one with a West Indies accent, or anyone with other than blue eyes, is turned down.

• Labor-management cooperation hangs on the union's role as supplier of men deemed "competent and dependable." The companies are well aware that Curran's clique is just as interested as they are in operating a collusive job referral system whereby men they mutually want eliminated from the industry for political, racial or other reasons, would be squeezed out. That is possible once the principle of mandatory hiring when a man is next on the list, is scrapped.

• The union not only agrees to accept the Taft-Hartley Law as the basis but adds, it "assumes sole responsibility therefor." What happens to the bill amending the T-H Law to permit union hiring halls that the NMU and other maritime organizations have been campaigning for?

Having now accepted a Taft-Hartley hiring hall for three years, Curran has, in effect, scuttled any amendment to safeguard a real rotary hiring hall. Why should they pass the amendment, if Curran says that a Taft-Hartleyized hiring hall is "stronger than it was before?"

Curran's deal with the shipowners may work smoothly for a while—as long as Curran fills the role of hiring agent and blacklister for the shipowners. But what'll happen when the shipowners get tired of even Curran-operated union hiring? Or if Curran can't give them everything they can get from a fink hall? They can invoke fully their right to reject "applicants" wholesale and shed even the surface trimmings that make Curran's system look like rotary hiring.

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Where Is Hitler?

JUNE 22, 1941.

Nine years ago, it was when Hitler assaulted the borders of the Soviet Union "to save Europe from Communism."

It was a brutal, unprovoked aggression.

Twenty million people died before it was over.

Of this awful total of death, the Soviet Union lost more than 15,000,000 men, women and children.

Their sacrifices held down our losses to 1,134,344 killed, wounded and missing.

Today, the New Fascism stalks again in the guise of the Cold War against "Soviet aggression." The same lies. The same cowardly fear of peace because peace means democracy, and social advance. The Nazis would win in three weeks, sneered the Un-American Committee bigot, Martin Dies. Charles Lindbergh said the same—and got a medal from Goering.

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BUT SOCIALISM proved INDESTRUCTIBLE.

Hitler's great adventure ("We will last a thousand years," he boasted) ended in the ruins of Berlin.

The same fate awaits any new aggressor against Europe's working classes and the Socialist states.

The human race has learned. It knows now that history is NO LONGER IN THE HANDS OF THE TOP BANKERS AND GENERALS. History is now made by something new—the worldwide, organized crusade to outlaw atomic war. There will be no more June 22's. Hitler tried it. Where is he?

Marcantonio's Reply

THEY ARE GOING TO SAVE the Cold War from Vito Marcantonio, yes sirree.

Park Avenue is gurgling. Wall Street is happy. The private university clubs, where striped pants are the uniform, are buzzing with excitement. The fake political opponents—whose only difference is who should grab the graft—have kissed and made up in the GOP and the Democratic parties.

And, running happily behind, like a lapdog looking for a bone, is the leadership of the Liberal Party—the "labor front" of the two old, rotten political machines.

This is big stuff. The New York Post puffs out its chest, and roars in a piping voice that to get Marcantonio out of Congress "will convince the Soviet leaders that their attempt to divide and confuse America has failed."

Yep, that's what the hungry, unemployed, jimcrowed, police-hunted community of East Harlem is now being commanded to do by the Post's editor. It seems that East Harlem's enemies are not the landlords who own the slums, but the Soviet leaders who assert that an atomic war is not inevitable and can be stopped.

"Peace is the issue," Marcantonio told the reporters whose editors were afraid to print that statement.

That is the secret of this extraordinary panic in the face of Marcantonio's single-handed crusade in Congress for the downtrodden, the poor, the oppressed and the working people of the nation.

THEY'VE GOT THE ENTIRE CONGRESS sewed up tight. They can crack the whip and the hundreds of old party hacks will meekly fall in line for the pork barrel "defense" contracts, for the murder of FEPC, or for any other corrupt action.

But they can't crack the whip on Marcantonio.

The Dixiecrats will uphold lynching; Marcantonio will fight them tooth and nail.

The warmongers will screech the usual lies taken from Hitler's book about our "peril" from the Socialist peoples; Marcantonio will challenge their lies and call for American-Soviet friendship and peace.

So they've lined up behind a slick rubber stamp from the silk stocking mob, the tories of 1950.

Donovan is the candidate of the atom bomb, of atomic war, and atomic massacre in America's cities.

Marcantonio is the candidate of the Negroes, the Italian-Americans, the Puerto Ricans, the entire East Harlem population which needs peace, decent houses to live in, security against unemployment and the hideous jimcrow "white supremacy" system.

The pro-war mob is totalitarian; it can't endure even one single voice for ending the Cold War. It is a frightened mob despite all its billions of dollars, its silk pants and its police power.

Marcantonio will win as the candidate for ending the Cold War and outlawing atomic war.

By Fred Ellis

Mao Tse-tung's Report On Next Steps in China

By Mao Tse-tung

(Chairman Mao Tse-tung's Report to the Third Plenary Session of the Seventh Central Committee Of the Communist Party of China)

PEKING.

The present international situation is favorable to us. The world front of peace and democracy, headed by the Soviet Union, is more powerful than it was last year. The people's movement for peace and in opposition to war has spread in the various countries throughout the world. The national liberation movements, aiming at throwing off the yoke of imperialism, have greatly extended.

Especially noteworthy is the mass movement of the Japanese and the German peoples that has arisen against U.S. occupation and the people's liberation struggles that have developed among the oppressed nations in the East.

At the same time, the contradictions between the imperialist countries principally between the U.S.A. and Britain, have also developed. Quarrels have also increased among the various groups within the American bourgeoisie and among the various groups within the British bourgeoisie. In contrast, there is strong unity in the relations between the Soviet Union and the People's Democracies.

The new Sino-Soviet treaty, which is of great historic significance, has consolidated friendly relations between the two countries. On the one hand, it enables us freely and more rapidly to carry forward the reconstruction work within our country. On the other hand, it is giving an impetus to the great struggle of the peoples throughout the world for peace and democracy in opposition to war and oppression.

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THE WAR THREAT of the imperialist camp still exists. The possibility of a third war exists. However, the forces fighting to check the war danger, to prevent the outbreak of a third world war, are growing rapidly. The degree of consciousness of the great majority of the people in the world is rising.

If only the Communist parties of the whole world continue to unite all the possible forces for peace and democracy, and enable them to grow still further, a new world war can be thwarted.

War rumors spread by Kuomintang reactionaries are designed to deceive the people. They are groundless.

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THE PRESENT situation of our country is as follows:

The Central People's Government and local people's governments at all levels of the People's Republic of China have been set up. The Soviet Union, the New Democracies and a number of capitalist countries have established diplomatic relations with our country, one after another. Basically war has ended on the mainland. Only Taiwan and Tibet still remain to be liberated, and this is still a serious tsk.

In a number of areas on the mainland, the Kuomintang reactionaries have been adopting a kind of bandit guerrilla warfare, inciting a section of the backward elements and struggling against the People's Government. The Kuomintang reactionaries have also organized many secret agents and spies to oppose the People's Government. These spread rumors among the people in an effort to undermine the prestige of the Communist Party and the People's Government and undermine the unity and cooperation between the various nationalities, democratic classes, democratic parties and groups in the people's organizations.

Special agents and spies also engage in activities subversive of the people's economic affairs, assassinate workers of the Communist Party and the People's Governments and collect information for the imperialists and the Kuomintang reactionaries. All these counter-revolutionary activities are planned and directed from behind the scene by imperialism, more specifically American imperialism. These bandits, special agents and spies are imperialist lackeys.

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SINCE THE DECISIVE victory in the three great campaigns of Liaosi and Mukden, Hsuchow and Pengpu and Peiping and Tiensin the winter of 1948, the People's Liberation Army has occupied all the territory of China—apart from Tibet, Taiwan and several islands—in the 13½ months since the crossing of the Yangtze on April 20, 1949, and has annihilated 1,830,000 Kuomintang reactionary troops and 880,000 bandit guerrilla forces; and at the same time the People's Public Security organs have unearthed large numbers of secret service organizations and special agents.

Now the People's Liberation Army still has the task of continuing the extermination of the remnant bandits in the newly liberated areas, while the People's Public Security organs have the task of continuing the attack on the enemy secret service organizations.

The majority of people througout the nation warmly support the Communist Party, the People's Government and the People's Liberation Army. In recent months the People's Government has carried through, all over the country, unified control and unified leadership in financial and economic work, achieved financial balance in income and expenditure, checked inflation and stablized prices. The people of the entire country have supported the Government by delivering their grain, paying taxes and buying State bonds.

Our country suffered widespread calamities last year with 19,760,000 acres of farm land and 40,000,000 people enduring flood and drought to a greater or lesser degree. The People's Government has organized large-scale relief work for the afflicted people, and has been carrying out water conservation projects on a massive scale in many places. The crop this year is better than last year's, and the summer harvest in general is good. If the autumn harvest is also good, then it can be foreseen that the situation in the coming year will be even better than this year.

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LONG YEARS of rule of imperialism and Kuomintang reaction have brought about an abnormal alignment in our social economy and considerable unemployment. Since the victory of the revolution, the old social economic structure as a whole has been undergoing a realignment in various degrees, and there is an increase in the number of unemployed. This is a serious matter, and the People's

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by Elizabeth Gurley Flynn

(Member, National Committee, Communist Party)

Speakers for the Communist Party

DETROIT.

I AM WRITING AGAIN FROM DETROIT, where I have held six meetings, with invited guests—at which I made a report on the peace movement in Europe and how the Marshall Plan is regarded there by the workers and peasants, despite its endorsement by Walter Reuther, president of the United Auto Workers.

Three auto workers joined the Communist Party, in the Dennis membership drive at one meeting. I haven't reports as yet on the others.

The Party plans to recruit a number of auto workers by July 4, when the Michigan Edition of The Worker holds a picnic at which Fred Fine will speak on the campaign to Ban the Bomb. I haven't heard him speak in a public meeting, but I have heard glowing reports in New Jersey, Chicago and here, that he is a most dynamic and effective speaker.

The Party is very enthusiastic about his return engagement. I know he soaked up information like a sponge in Europe and has a wealth of extremely interesting news about the peace movement there to tell the auto workers and their families

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IT IS OF GREAT IMPORTANCE that our Party develop a whole new core of public speakers and give full opportunity to those younger comrades who are good speakers in their own localities to become known nationally. I recall when the National Committee of the Party decided to bring Fred Fine into New York, Gil Green said "And don't forget he's a darn good public speaker. Don't bottle him up and silence him in New York." Another Chicagoan who is a dynamic orator is Claude Lightfoot, executive secretary of the Party there.

When Pettis Perry came East to become secretary of the Party's National Negro Commission, district after district along the Atlantic seaboard and in the midwest, which first heard him report in a quiet easy way at conferences and commission meetings, were amazed and delighted at his power and humor as a public speaker. I witnessed this in Philadelphia, Boston and several other places.

California is very critical of us in the East because we do not make full use of John Pittman, associate editor of The Worker, as a public speaker. He was one of the best on the West Coast and they cannot understand why he is not equally well known by now in the East.

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THERE IS A WEAKNESS for "big names" that is not according to Communist concepts of collective leadership and the development of new young spokesmen and leaders for the Party. Often at a community meeting someone will act as chairman, take a collection or sell the literature, who is extremely effective and should be encouraged and utilized in a constantly broadening way. We became so respectable during the Browder days that we practically abandoned street speaking.

Last fall, during the Councilmanic campaign for Benjamin J. Davis in New York, I spoke once with Jack Kling, then the unhappy treasurer of the Party, now the happy district organizer in Wisconsin. It was the one and only time I heard Jack speak all the time he was in the national office. He had been trained in the Young Communist League and he was a real spellbinder, holding the audience in the noisy and busy garment center over the time they should return to work. I hope Wisconsin makes full use of Jack, to get out and meet the people.

Another speaker, and I'm using these names by way of illustration, because I'm convinced there are hundreds of them in our Party, who surprised me was Bob Wood, of "Link." Bob has a technique of filling his pockets with clippings, with which he exposes the lies of the enemy, backs up his point with figures, quotations, etc., and holds his audience to the last man with his wit and sharp repartee against hecklers. Street meetings are a training ground for our speakers, unequaled by any other experience.

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WHEN I HEAR the expression "We haven't enough forces," it makes me very impatient. I am sure every individual man and woman, who is sufficiently conscious of the struggles of the working class and the role of the Communist Party in the fight for Socialism to join our Party, is a "force"—with potential abilities to convince others.

Everyone will not become a speaker. But the person-to-person contacts that many modest and unassuming members of our Party make when they go out in a campaign to canvass, or now with the peace petitions, are equally of tremendous value.

Now is the time to draw on the abilities of every single member. The young mother, "tied down," as she feels, with little children, can reach other young mothers, in daytime hours. There is no law that says all Party work is night work. Flexibility and adapting our work to the place and hours people can do it, is essential to utilize all our members. We need every one of them today.

Well, I'm off to another meeting. So cheerio—as they say in England.

Romania Expels U.S. Military Attache

WASHINGTON, June 21.—The State Department disclosed today that Romania has expelled Capt. Herschel Hutchinson, assistant U. S. military attache in Budapest, on charges of plotting to arm revolutionary forces.

Bart

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to frame him as it had done many others.

Obviously ruffled by the sharp attack, the sharpest experienced by the committee in the last two years, Walters growled, "If you thought as much of the Constitution as you say you do, instead of hiding behind it you'd help the committee find out how supversives went to Moscow for training."

"I will never be a part of this committee's attempt to send all America to jail," Bart exclaimed. He rose to his feet with more denunciations of the committee's attempt to smear him and jail him "as you have done to others." Walters banged his gavel, and the committee strode from the hearing room.

Accompanying Bart was Abraham Unger, New York labor and civil rights attorney, who kept up a running battle with individual committee members as well. Unger silenced Rep. Harrison (D-Va) and Rep. Francis Case (R-SD), when the two committee members interjected some snide remarks and twisted legal interpretations.

Harrison advised Walters, at one point when Unger was telling the committee it had no right to infringe on the Constitution, that Unger should be silenced. "I don't care to hear from this man," Harrison said.

Unger criticized Harrison for this remark. "I don't say to you, Mr. Congressman, that I don't like to hear from you." Harrison glowered at Unger but didn't open his mouth after that.

Case, in an attempt to confuse Bart, said that his interpretation of the Fifth Amendment involving self-incrimination did not prevent him from answering a question.

"Are you a lawyer," Unger interjected. Case sat silent.

"Oh, you refuse to answer, do you?" Unger said. Case kept quiet. "You know and all lawyers know that your legal interpretation is entirely incorrect," Unger continued. Case remained quiet for the rest of the hearing.

Bart was handed a number photostatic copies of passports and asked about them.

Bart declined to recognize the questions as within the purview of the committee.

DODGERS

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and Robinson sizzled a single off Hatton's glove to tally the Duke.

Newk hustled himself into another run in the 5th, running out a dribbler in a way pitchers often don't, and being rewarded by a Blackwell error on the throw from Kluszewski. He legged it around to 3rd on Cox's single and counted as Hermanski bounced into a twin killing. The Reds got back into contention in the 8th when Kluszewski banged in a pair with his second double to make it 4-3. Back came the Dodgers with one that looked like insurance, Hermanski pulling a sharp hit off lefty Perkowski, Snider sacrificing, and Robinson continuing his solid clutch hitting with another run producing bingle.

IT'LL BE Dan Bankhead vs. Herm Wehmeir in the rubber game today. . . . Another casualty was the Dodger home run streak. They'd hit one or more in the last 14 games. . . . It was the first time in seven starts against Cincy that Newk didn't go the route. Only previous loss to Reds was 11 inning affair last year. . . Did you know Robinson has been a Dodger baserunner in 51 of the 7 games? . . . Cox is playing the league's most sensational third base.

BAN PEEKSKILL SCHOOL TRIPS TO CAPITAL BECAUSE OF BIAS

PEEKSKILL, N. Y., June 21 (UP).—The Peekskill Board of Education today banned all high school senior class trips to Washington, D. C., because of "intolerance and racial prejudice" there.

The board took its action after a request by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and an investigation of the situation in Washington by Sen. Herbert H. Lehman (D-NY).

"I find the intolerance and racial prejudices which exist in the nation's capital to be a shameful blot on our advocacy of democracy and upon the nation as a whole," Lehman told the school board in a letter.

"It's difficult to find accommodations which are non-segregated and where they (Negroes in senior classes) will be treated as human beings."

Lehman said two hotels (Roger Smith and Franklin Park) told him they would accept reservations from classes including Negroes on a group basis. One of the hotels said that the students must dine in a group if Negroes are included.

Other hotels, Lehman said, told him that if they accepted non-segregated groups, the Negroes might be embarrassed.

Scabs Fire on Strikers at Enka Plant

MORRISTOWN, Tenn., June 21.—Striking CIO Textile workers at the American Enka Corp., were fired upon by strikebreakers today. None of the workers was hurt.

A union official said that strikers went before a Hamblen County Grand Jury seeking indictments against the persons who had fired on strikers last Monday.

Mao Tse-tung

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Government has begun to adopt measures for relieving the unemployed and fitting them into jobs so as to solve this problem step by step.

The People's Government has carried out widespread cultural and educational work, and large numbers of intellectuals and young students have joined in study to acquire new knowledge or have taken up revolutionary work. The People's Government has done some work in reasonably readjusting industry and commerce and improving relations between the public and private enterprises and between labor and capital. It is now continuing this work with even greater efforts.

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What's On?

Tonight Manhattan

ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, William Levner, speak at Peace Rally. People's Artists entertain. 6 Fifth Avenue, 8:30 p.m. Subs. 25c. Auspices: CP, Lower West Side.

Tomorrow Manhattan

"BLOCKADE," great anti-fascist film, written by John Howard Lawson. Plus Chaplin's "The Rink." Showings Friday, June 23rd, 8:30 p.m.; Saturday, June 24th, 8:30 and 10:30 p.m. 131 West 23rd, St. Subs. 75c. Lower West Side Civil Rights Committee.

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BURY JIMCROW at Club Vanguard's Negro-white Unity Dance. All star entertainment with Clyde Austin and Band, Melodairs, Bopsters and lots more in hour-long show. LYL will meet you this Saturday, June 24th, 9 p.m. at IWO Center, 3075—86th St., Brooklyn (BMT West End to Bay Parkway). Subs. $1.25.

THE NEGRO IN LITERATURE, a writing out loud and garden party, featuring new works by progressive writers. Sat., June 24th, 8:30 p.m., 384 St. Nicholas Ave. (near 130th St.). Dancing and refreshments. Auspices: Harlem Quartley and Writing Div., ASP. Contribution $1.00.

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Appeal of 11

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sistently overruling defense motions predicated on the "existence of a climate of prejudice rendering an impartial jury improbable."

Conventional questioning of the prospective jurors by the judge, he said, was not sufficient to probe the juror's prejudices.

He pointed out that only 37 prospective jurors were questioned for the trial which was to decide the freedom of all Americans Nineteen were challenged and only two were excused by the court for obvious bias.

"We were entitled to have the specific probing of prospective jurors we asked for," McCabe stated. "Questions put by the court were too general to adequately determine the prejudice of the jurors."

JANNEY'S PRESENCE

The jury, McCabe argued, was contaminated by the presence of Russell Janney, theatrical producer, who before and during the trial boasted of prejudice against Communists and the Communist Party.

Only three weeks before Janney walked into the jury box and swore he was not biased against the defendants, the lawyer pointed out, he addressed a meeting in Macon, Ga., in which he said:

"We are already fighting a war with Communism and it should be a fight to death. . . . People who want Communism should go to Russia and live. . . . We are at war whether we think we are or not."

"It is inconceivable to me," said McCabe, "that the court did not even investigate the Janney charges. I think it was scandalous."

Judge Medina refused to remove the prejudiced juror or declare a mistrial as demanded in motions by the defense.

NO DIRECT EVIDENCE

Sacher told the three judges that the prosecution had offered no direct evidence of any kind showing the Communist leaders had engaged in a conspiracy as charged in the indictment.

"Louis Budenz was called by the prosecution as an expert," said Sacher. "Although he had been in the party 10 years he gave no testimony that Dennis, (John) Gates or any of the defendants say this or that was being done for the purpose of overthrowing the government."

Sacher charged the government prosecutors had actually placed books on trial. He listed these as "History of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union," published in the late 1930's; Foundations of Leninism," published in 1924; Lenin's "State and Revolution," published in 1917, and the "Communist Manifesto," first published over a century ago.

"It is a little shocking that in the year 1949 there should be brought to trial a document like the 'Communist Manifesto'," Sacher declared. "In occupied Japan we permitted publication and circulation of all these books for which the appellants were convicted."

'CRIME' OF SCHOOLS

He pointed out that the 11 were charged with the "crime" of running schools in private and holding secret classes.

"It may well be that the time will come when constitutional protection will have to be given to secret teaching," Sacher told the court.

Even if the picture painted by the prosecution were true, he argued, the 11 Communists are still protected by the Constitution.

Judge Hand questioned Sacher on a hypothetical "conspiracy" of two men plotting to take over the government by violence at the time of the next election. Judge Hand said he wanted to know if Sacher believed the Smith Act would apply to them. Sacher replied the case of the 11 was one of free speech. He said the case of the 11 was not analagous to the judge's hypothetical case.

The Smith Act, said Isserman, is unconstitutional and acts to outlaw the Communist Party and jail its leaders.

"The verdict in this case," he said, "is nothing more than a death blow at the First Amendment."

LIST OF 540,000

He reminded the court that only a few months ago the Department of Justice asked for appropriations to prosecute 12,000 more cases similar to that of the 11. He also reminded the court that FBI boss J. Edgar Hoover had announced he had a list of 540,000 "subversives."

"Here we have a major case striking at the civil rights of the American people" Isserman said. "The Smith Act is the result of pressure by 'super-patriots' who are more interested in suppression of speech than adherence to the Constitution.

He quoted the late Chief Justice Holmes, who said: "Speech may be fought with speech. Falsehoods and fallacies must be exposed, not suppressed, unless there is not sufficient time to avert the evil consequences of noxious doctrine by argument and education. That is the command of the First Amendment."

Argument on the appeal will continue at 10:30 this morning. Attorneys George W. Crockett, Jr., and Richard Gladstein are scheduled to conclude argument on behalf of the 11.

Daily Worker editor John Gates, Communist Party national labor secretary John Williamson and fur union leader Irving Potash, three of the 11 convicted Party leaders, were present in court during the first day of argument on their appeal.

NAACP

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Europe "with suspicion, because they believe the United States is helping to perpetuate the economic and political domination of Africa by Europe," Edward R. Dudley, American ambassador to Liberia, said in a speech prepared for delivery to an NAACP mass meeting tonight.

Dudley, once an NAACP attorney, was the scheduled speaker at the second day of the 41st annual NAACP conference.

As the only Negro ambassador representing America, Dudley claimed that the foreign policy of the United States aims at convincing the Africans and other dependent peoples that their future is bound up with the Atlantic Pact nations.

Dudley contradicted himself when he said that from his knowledge of Africans, they were friendly to Americans because of what he termed "our humanitarian spirit toward mankind. For he followed this with: "Racial discrimination within the United States has robbed us of some of this good will and alienated a number of educated Africans who have experienced the frustrations of the black man in America."

Bridges Keeps Citizenship Pending Appeal

SAN FRANCISCO, June 21.—Federal Judge George B. Harris signed a decree voiding Harry Bridges' citizenship today but the effect of the decree was stayed pending an appeal.

Harris, the district court judge who presided at the latest frame-up trial of the CIO longshore leader, signed an order handed down last week.

Bridges' attorney, Norman Leonard, promtly filed notice of appeal with Harris.

Harris said such notice stays the effect of the court decree until the appeal is heard by the appellate court.

Kuomintang Bombs Three British Ships

HONG KONG, June 21.—The Kuomintang bombed and strafed three British ships today as the Kuomintang stepped up its attacks on foreign vessels trading wiith the Chinese people's Republic.

The other foreign freighters—one Panamanian, the Valve, and the other Greek, the Santos—were sunk by Kuomintang blockade mines sown at the approaches to Shanghai.

Kuomintang planes attacked the British freighters Hanyang, Lady Wolmer and Anhui at liberated Swatow directly across from Formosa. The 3,494-ton Anhui was half-submerged after hitting a mine a few days ago.

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Union to Vote On No-Raise Phone Pact

Officials of the CIO Communications Workers of America yesterday prepared to submit for membership approval their no-raise agreement negotiated with the Bell telephone system, biggest corporation in the U. S. and the world. The agreement was negotiated for 20,000 long lines workers.

Even Robert Creasey, president of Division 10 of the CWA conceded, "It is not a good contract. It is inadequate." But Creasy predicted it would be ratified "because of the conditions at the present time." He did not elaborate.

The agreement was announced after several strike postponements by the CWA whose original demands included a "substantial" wage increases and a 35-hour week. Neither demand was obtained.

Only major change from the old contract is the shortening of the progression from minimum to maximum pay classification from 8 years to 6½. The contract also provides for a system of severance pay, based on length of service.

For months prior to the announced agreement, CWA and CIO officials had been issuing militant-sounding statements about the need to win wage increases. They had pointed out that wages of telephone workers nationally had fallen from seventh place in 1939 to 25th place in 1949. The 250,000 switchboard operators, not covered in the present agreement, continues to average $38 a week.

The union is CIO's newest big affiliate. Its president, Joseph Beirne, sat in "judgment" on many of the expelled unions which have been following militant policies and have been fighting for wage increases.

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World-Wide Support Grows for Hollywood Ten

'An Abominable Persecution:' G.B. Shaw

MONDAY NIGHT'S Town Hall rally, called by the National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions, to free the Hollywood Ten, heard many cables and telegrams from film unions, mass organizations and prominent individuals in the arts expressing support for the ten courageous writers, directors and producers who have been sentenced to prison for their democratic views. Following are excerpts from some of the wires:

London, England.

GEORGE BERNARD SHAW (Playwright): "An abominable persecution. . . . So ridiculously ignorant that it will reduce itself to absurdity after committing atrocities of which I or Einstein or Thomas Mann or the Dean of Canterbury may be among the victims. . . ."

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Paris, France.

LOUIS DAQUIN, Secretary General, Union of Technicians of the Cinema: "The Union of Technicians of the Cinema indignantly protest the imprisonment of 10 American film artists, although citizens of a country which has just fought for liberty. Aware of the gravity of this attack on freedom of expression, it demands that the cases be dropped and that the government of the United States in the future respect articles 18 and 19 of the Declaration of Human Rights proclaimed by the United Nations."

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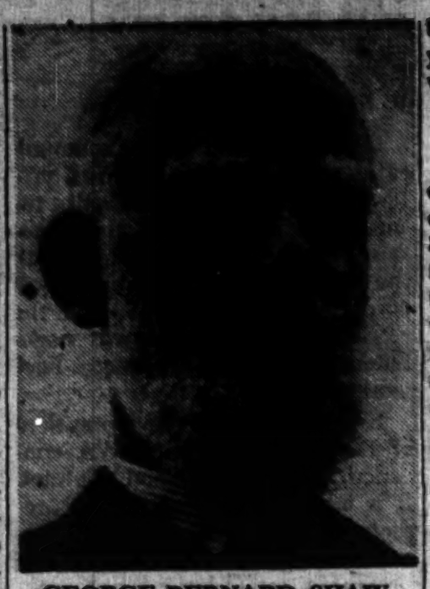
Holte, Denmark.

MARTIN ANDERSEN NEXO (Novelist): "It did not surprise us at all that the Supreme Court refused to review the appeals of the Hollywood Ten. The methods are more than brutal. Unfortunately, the same is happening all over



GEORGE BERNARD SHAW

western Europe every day. There is but one need. That honorable, thinking men, of which there are still plenty on earth, must be made aware and militant as a mass force against these vermin."

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London, England.

RONALD NEAME, Chairman British Film Academy; Anthony Asquith, president, Association of Cinematography and Allied Technicians; Frank Launder, president, Screen Writers Association: "We, who represent creative workers of all political persuasions in the British film industry, feel most strongly that the principles involved in the original hearings of this case—directly affect the liberties of the writer, film maker and broadcaster in America, and, indirectly, in all other countries. On behalf of our organizations we protest this treatment of our American colleagues."

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New York, N. Y.

CLIFFORD ODETS (Playwright): "I believe that yours is truly the American way and salute you all in the name of your convictions and courage."

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Paris, France.

EUGENIE COTTON, president, Women's International Democratic Federation: "In the name of 80,000,000 women of 59 countries, the WIDF vigorously condemns the sentencing to jail of 10 Hollywood film artists. We believe that this is a part of the trend toward repression in America, of all men and women who speak out for peace, for the abolition of the atom bomb, and for the rights of people of other countries to determine their own destinies. We salute the Ten!"

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Los Angeles, Cal.

ALBERT DEUTSCH (Author): "No writer's freedom is secure so long as political Torquemadas can imprison philanthropists, lovers of humankind like my friend Albert Maltz. Across the continent I clasp hands with the eight hoping our beloved country will soon regain its sanity."

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Bombay, India.

MULK RAJ ANAND, All India Progressive Writers Association: "My colleagues in the executive and our fellow writers have asked me to write to you and to express our deepest sympathy with the penalized writers. . . . The offensive against the advanced writers of America by the supporters of the Un-American Activities Committee is a most sinister portent. We hope that the American intelli-

MARTIN ANDERSEN NEXO

gentsia will fight hard to maintain its rights. That struggle will hearten our own intelligentsia, which often fights a lone battle against the neo-fascist rulers of our country."

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London, England.

GWYN THOMAS (Novelist): "The writers and thinkers are the people's tongue. Let that tongue be ripped out, and the people can rest assured that the process of amputation will not stop there. We are prouder than we can say of these men who refused to sue for a false fredom by groveling to the Parnell Thomas pack."

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Paris, France.

H. BACK, Secretary General, Union of French Film Workers: "In the name of the French film workers (this union includes every single electrician, carpenter, grips, etc., etc., who work in French films) we offer you our complete solidarity for the magnificent fight you are maintaining to obtain the freedom of our 10 colleagues who have had the courage to stand up and demand that the American Constitution be respected. Be assured that we will give all the aid of which we are capable to help free the Ten and that we feel sure that with the help of the American people you will be successful."

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Paris, France.

VLADIMIR POZNER (Novelist): "A country which jails its writers, artists and scientists is ripe for fascism. I am convinced that untold numbers of French people will boycott American pictures as long as the Hollywood Ten are in jail."

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Paris, France.

PIERRE BLANCHAR, Marcel Carne, Leon Moussinac, Georges Sadoul and 20 other outstanding persons in the French film industry: "We, authors, actors and technicians of the French film industry, raise our voices in support of the 10 men who produced some of the best films of their country, because we believe that a free art is inseparable from freedom of thought, of opinion and of expression, and that the persecution of artists brings in its train grave consequences for human progress."

RADIO

WMCA — 570 kc. WINS — 1010 kc. WMGM—1050 kc.
WNBC — 660 kc. WEVD — 1330 kc. WBNY — 1400 kc.
WOR — 710 kc. WCBS — 880 kc. WOV — 1280 kc.
WJZ — 770 kc. WNEW — 1130 kc. WQXR — 1560 kc.
WNYC — 830 kc. WLIB — 1190 kc.

MORNING

10:30-WNBC—Double or Nothing
WJZ—Betty Crocker Magazine
WNYC—Health Talks
10:45-WJZ—Victor H. Lindlahr
11:00-WNBC—We Love and Learn
WOR—News
WJZ—Musicale
WQXR—News; Alma Dettinger
11:15-WNBC—Garroway Show
WOR—Rudy Vallee Show
11:30-WNBC—Jack Berch
WJZ—Quiz Program
WCBS—Grand Slam
11:45-WNBC—David Harum
WCBS—Rosemary
WQXR—Luncheon Concert

AFTERNOON

12:00-WNBC—News Roundup
WOR—Kate Smith Speaks
WJZ—Ladies Be Seated
WNYC—Midday Symphony
WCBS—Wendy Warren—Sketch
WQXR—News; Luncheon Concert
12:15-WCBS—Aunt Jenny's Stories
WOR—Lanny Ross Show
WNBC—Norman Brokenshire
12:26-WJZ—Carol Douglas, Beauty
12:30-WOR—News.
WCBS—Helen Trent
WJZ—News, Herb Sheldon
12:45-WOR—Luncheon at Sardi's
WCBS—Our Gal Sunday
1:00-WNBC—Mary Margaret McBride
WJZ—News
WNYC—Chamber Music
WCBS—Big Sister
WQXR—News; Midday Symphony
1:15-WJZ—Nancy Craig
WCBS—Ma Perkins
1:30-WOR—Young Dr. Malone
WOR—Bing Crosby Records
1:45-WCBS—The Guiding Light
2:00-WNBC—Double or Nothing
WJZ—Welcome to Hollywood
WOR—Ladies Fair
WCBS—Second Mrs. Burton
WQXR—Record Review
WNYC—Education Series
2:15-WCBS—Perry Mason
WNYC—High School Forum
2:30-WNBC—Live Like a Millionaire
WOR—Queen for a Day
WJZ—Chance of a Lifetime
WCBS—Nora Drake
WQXR—Curtain at 2:30
2:45-WCBS—The Brighter Day
3:00-WNBC—Life Can Be Beautiful
WJZ—Bride and Groom
WOR—Second Honeymoon
WCBS—Rose, Sketch
WQXR—News; Symphonic Matinee
3:15-WNBC—Road of Life
WCBS—Hilltop House
3:30-WNBC—Pepper Young
WOR—Tello Test
WCBS—Whatever Take All
WJZ—Hannibal Cobb
3:45-WNBC—Right to Happiness
4:00-WNBC—Backstage Wife
WOR—Startime Walter
WJZ—Surprise Package
WCBS—Strike It Rich, Quiz
WNYC—Music of the Theatre
WQXR—Music of Spain
4:15-WNBC—Stella Dallas
4:30-WJZ—Nancy Craig
WNBC—Lorenzo Jones
WOR—Jack Berch Show
WQXR—Concert Hall
4:45-WNBC—Young Widder Brown
WJZ—Full Speed

5:00-WJZ—Fun House
WNBC—When a Girl Marries
WCBS—Gene Drake
WOR—Straight Arrow—Sketch
WNYC—Sunset Serenade
WQXR—Keyboard Artists
5:15-WNBC—Portia Faces Life
5:30-WOR—Tele-Kid, Quiz
WJZ—Sky King
WNBC—Just Plain Bill
WCBS—Hits and Misses
WQXR—Cocktail Time
5:45-WNBC—Front Page Farrell

EVENING

6:00-WNBC—Kenneth Banghart, News
WJZ—Joe Hasset
WNYC—Guest Star
WCBS—Allan Jackson, News
WQXR—News; Dance Theatre
6:15-WNBC—Sports
WOR—Bob Sloan, Interviews
WJZ—Art Baker's Notebook
WNYC—Here's to Veta
6:30-WNBC—Henry Morgan
WOR—News Reports
WCBS—Curt Massey
WNYC—Veteran's News
WJZ—Herb Sheldon Show
WQXR—Dinner Concert
6:45-WNBC—Three Star Extra
WCBS—Lowell Thomas
WNYC—Weather; City News
WQXR—Stan Lomax
7:00-WNBC—One Man's Family
WOR—Fulton Lewis, Jr., Comment
WJZ—Edwin C. Hill, News
WNYC—Masterwork Hour
WCBS—Danish Show
WQXR—News; Keyboard Artists
7:05-WJZ—Headline Edition
7:15-WNBC—News of the World
WCBS—Jack Smith, Variety
WOR—Answer Man
WJZ—Elmer Davis, News
7:30-WNBC—Children Talk
WJZ—David Harding, Sketch
WCBS—Club 15—Variety
WOR—Gabriel Heatter
WQXR—Record Preview
7:45-WOR—Marvin Miller
WCBS—Edward Murrow
8:00-WNBC—The Aldrich Family
WOR—Cisco Kid
WJZ—Gregory Hood, Sketch
WCBS—Your FBI
WQXR—Symphony Hall
8:30-WNBC—Father Knows Best
WJZ—Blondie, Comedy
WOR—International Airport
WCBS—Mr. Keen
WNYC—Cooper Union Series
8:55-WOR—News, Bill Henry
9:00-WOR—Limerick Show
WCBS—Suspense, Play
WJZ—Amateur Hour
WNBC—Screen Guild Theatre
WQXR—Concert Hall
9:30-WNBC—Duffy's Tavern
WOR—Kirkwood-Goodman Show
WCBS—Crime Photographer
WQXR—Record Starlight
10:00-WNBC—Dragnet, Sketch
WOR—Frank Edwards
WJZ—Author Meets Critics
WCBS—Johnny Dollar
WQXR—News; The Showcase
10:15-WOR—Calling All Detectives
10:30-WNBC—Sylvia Clare, Sketch
WOR—The Mysterious
WJZ—The Fabulous
WCBS—Hollywood Talent
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HOLLYWOOD

Jailers Look for 'Subversive' Literature In Lawson's Toothpaste and Built-Up Shoe

JEFF LAWSON, who visited his father John Howard Lawson in Washington County Jail, Washington, D.C., the other day, writes:

"My father looked confident and displayed his usual optimism. I'm sure that without exception that is the case of all the men who are going to jail these days as acts of patriotism. I remember Dalton Trumbo joking just as he was being taken away on Friday, 'now I can stop worrying about our case and begin worrying about what will happen to Remington'."

Jeff says the prison guards went through his father's belongings with a fine comb to make sure he was not taking in any 'subversive' literature. They deprived him of a large tin of toothpaste because they feared it might be used as a hiding place for written material. They even took the built-up shoe that he wears on his lame leg completely apart, examining every bit of it for secret compartments and hidden literature, then put it back together again. "A week before," said Jeff, "I had jokingly suggested that they might examine his shoe for a file or other instrument, but I had really thought that kind of thing only went on in Hollywood sound stages."

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THE IMPORTANCE of sending letters to the political prisoners was brought sharply home to Jeff when he heard the grumbling of the guards who have charge of censoring mail.

"They had been getting quite a lot of it—30 in the last hour, according to one complaining guard. One was addressed to Dr. Barsky, and now a burly guard was opening a letter for George Marshall. He held up three closely typed pages in bewilderment. 'I'm no student', he grumbled. 'I can't do all this . . . how do I know what to censor and what to let go through. I can't make all these decisions. Why did we have to get him? He's more trouble than he's worth. I wish they'd get him out of here.'"

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JEFF LAWSON continued: "I and many others wish they'd get him out of there, too. And some others I can think of will be sorry they put these men in jail. But it was amusing and significant to see these guards struggling over the mail for the new political prisoners, with remarks like, 'Who's this guy Dalton Trumbo, anyway?' For me it sort of personalized the whole business of writing letters in cases like this. The letters are important as encouragement and support for the men who are giving up their freedom to protect our rights. But in that office I could see what the letters meant to the prison.

"I heard them complain of 30 letters. But here are 14 political prisoners in that jail now and suppose thousands and thousands of letters were to pour in there. It is particularly important to send your protest to Truman, but writing the men in jail is a way of hitting two nails on the head. Its important to let these men know how you feel, and its important to let the prison know how you feel. Lots of letters can keep up a steady banging against the prison doors."

The other prisoners, said Jeff, "were very friendly and seemed to understand very well the significance of this kind of jailing. One prisoner said to my father: 'I'm back for the second time. I had 10 years before and was let out. But what could I do? I'm a burglar, but the real big criminals are those men in Washington that are jailing people like you that have committed no crime!'"

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LAWSON sent the following message back with his son: "It's particularly important to protest the jailings in the next 60 days while there is still a chance to make an appeal for a shorter sentence. Truman and his Administration is the controlling factor. Letters should be written right away. The next 60 days may be decisive. If the American people show how they feel about these jailings, the severe sentence of one year can be reduced, even dismissed."

Stanley Theatre Program

PUSHKIN (Peter Aleynikov) and Ann Kern (Katya Ivanova) meet for a brief moment at a ball in a scene from Arthino's The Great Glinka," currently playing a return engagement at the Stanley. On the same program: Beethoven Concerto.

The Famous Negro Composer
Duke Ellington
Has Signed the Stockholm Peace Appeal

Around the Dial:

New Documentary Will Appeal for Man Hunt

By Bob Lauter

ON FRIDAY, July 7 (10 p.m.), WNBC will introduce a new series of documentary dramas to be called Wanted. On the surface this half-hour series, originating in New York, might appear as nothing but an elaborate public service dedicated to the apprehension of criminals. Actually, it will contribute to the general police-state atmosphere grawing out of heresy-hunts, Taft-Hartley oaths, and the like.

Wanted will present, as narrator and commentator, Alan Hynd, a novelist and crime reporter. All the programs will deal, in documentary form, with actual criminal cases involving criminals who are still at large. The sources will be police records, newspapers and eye-witnesses.

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NATURALLY, these documentaries will follow radio's current vogue for violence. Here, however, the violence will not be fictional. Wanted will use no professional actors. Police and prison officials, newspapermen and witnesses will present their own version of the case under review.

Featured on these programs will be a special treat for the audience: "An underworld character, kept anonymous for his own protection," who "will take part in the program each week, giving tips of the appearance, habits and associates of the wanted man."

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AFTER INFORMING us that the stoolpigeon will give the proper touch of sordidness to the proceedings, the advance notice of Wanted ends by saying, "It is hoped that these broadcasts, by bringing the facts in each case to wide public attention, may be helpful in bringing to justice dangerous criminals now at large."

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NO ONE will object to the arrest of dangerous criminals. But the atmosphere of this public manhunt is not to be taken lightly. It comes at a time when men and women are being encouraged to spy on their brothers and sisters in the trade union movement, and when many government employes keep silent on public issues because of fear of a security investigation.

Even more important, it may be very true that Alan Hynd himself distinguishes between criminal and political prisoners—but it is just as true that the administration is making no such distinction, as in the cases of the victims of the Un-American Committee.

If radio wants to involve the American audience in a hunt, how about encouraging the search for peace?

Ted Tinsley Says

CHURCHILL'S CAKE OF SOAP

I HAVE BEFORE ME an old copy of Pearson's Magazine for June, 1901. On the inside cover is an advertisement for Pear's Soap. The ad features a newspaper clipping which reads as follows:

"Winston Churchill, the English war correspondent, says that after careful study of many nations he has concluded that the distinguishing characteristic of English-speaking people as compared with the other white races is that they wash, and wash at regular intervals. 'England and America,' he says, 'are divided by an ocean of salt water, but they are united by a bath tub of fresh water and soap.'"

The soap, we are assured by the advertisement, is Pear's.

No evidence indicates that Churchill has modified this position of his. It must take a lot of restraint on his part not to inject the issue of soap into the UN. A slight twist of Attlee's arm would probably bring him around to the same point of view.

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ACTUALLY, it is a matter of complete indifference to Winston Churchill whether or not some people take baths with Pear's soap. When he was busy conniving with Franco and Mussolini, representatives of what he calls "other white races," I am sure he did not bother inspecting their bathtubs first. Churchill's agents who contacted Tito during the war, wanted Tito in Wall Street's camp—wet or dry.

His insulting exclusion of non-white peoples from his infantile discussion is too unclean to comment upon. I know there are those who may say it is unfair to take a remark which Churchill made in 1901, and attack him with it now. But billions of people know that few, if any men, in the whole wide world, have learned as little as Mr. Churchill in the last 50 years.

This bathtub, which unites Churchill and Wall Street, is a rubber tub. It stretches, and it has been known to unite Churchill and German fascist bigwigs, and Churchill and Finnish militarists. (Non-English speaking Finns!)

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SITTING IN THIS rubber tub is Mr. Wall Street. Churchill isn't in it. His job is to scrub Mr. Wall Street's back. And strangely enough, he doesn't scrub it with Pear's Soap—made in Great Britain—but with a Lever Brothers product.

If you take Churchill's soap approach to modern history, one of the things which unites people, English and non-English speaking, white and colored, is that when they wash the dirt comes off. But this little glimpse into the mind of Winston Churchill is proof that it will take a lot more than soap to clean him up.

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Many thanks to N.M. for the fiver; to CS for the 10-spot, and to B.S. of St. Albans for the $2.50. Every bit helps, so keep sending it on.)

Literary Forum and Garden Party in Harlem Saturday Night

Negro and white progressive writers bring their works directly to the audience at a Writing Out Loud and Garden Party presented jointly by the Harlem Quarterly and the Writing and Publishing Division of the Arts, Sciences and Professions on Saturday, June 24, 8:30 p.m., at 384 St. Nicholas Ave., near 130 St., in Harlem.

The program marks the first time both organizations have participated in a Writing Out Loud. The theme of the present program is The Negro In Literature, featuring poems and short stories by Negro and white writers. Special feature of the program is a dramatization of a first-hand account of slave-life in America by a former Negro slave.

Dancing in the garden, under the stars, and entertainment and refreshments will precede and follow the program. Admission to the affair is $1. Tickets may be purchased from Harlem Quarterly and ASP members, or at the door.

Book Note

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REDS NIP DODGERS; YANKS, GIANTS LOSE

3 Run Rally in 9th Ends Brook Streak 6-5, Cards Move Back Into Tie for Lead

By Lester Rodney

You can't win 'em all, but it's agonizing to lose 'em the way the Dodgers lost 6-5 to the Cincinnati Reds yesterday at Ebbets Field to end their five game win streak and fall back into a first place tie with the Cards for the league lead.

Big Don Newcombe went into the 9th leading 5-3 as the result of some crisp early hitting against the Red ace, Ewell Blackwell. He walked the first man he faced and Shotton decided to call in Jack Banta. It's a decision that could be second guessed, though Newk's usually fine control was off a bit this day, with six walks. Anyhow, Banta was an unhappy choice, walking the next batter on four straight pitches and heaving two more wide ones before Podbelian came in to finish the job and load the bases.

Pod got one batter, Merriman slapping to Hodges for a force at home, but Peanuts Lowry lashed a double into the left field corner and the three walks came home to roost as the 8,308 paying customers groaned in anguish.

The Dodgers launched a dying counter-threat in their half when Campy was nicked by a pitch, Reese sacrificed and Russell walked, but with two away, relief pitcher Fox got Gene Hermanski, who had rapped two single and a double, on a routine grounder and the pesky tailenders had made it 5 out of 8 against the league champs.

It looked for a long while like a pleasant Dodger win and the 6th straight route going performance for the pitching staff. Going into the 3rd trailing 1-0, the Brooks continued their hard hitting of recent days with a three run explosion against long Ewell's sidearm slants, all with two out. Reese opened with a hit, stole second and went to 3rd after Cox's long fly. With two down Hermanski cracked a ground single into right to tie the score, Snider doubled off the left center wall to score Gene

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TUESDAY NITE GAME BRIEFS

NATIONAL

Dodgers 8, Reds 2. Preach Roe, showing he can work with three days rest as the high-powered rotation continues, wins 8th. Hodges a grand slam, Furillo another HR as Raffensberger is routed. Cox also hits one as Dodgers look like old Yankee winning easily on 6 hits as opponents get eleven.

Giants 3, Cards 2. Battle of homers won by Giants with Westrum's blast in 8th decisive after Howerton and Musial connect off Jones, Dark off Brecheen. First Giant victory over St. Louis since last August.

Phils 7, Bucs 3. Russ Meyer, big disappointment to date along with Heintzelman, wins first, make Phils more ominous. Jones clouts 11th off rookie Law.

Cubs 4, Braves 3. Gordon back, gets two hits, but Rush outlasts Sain in 10 innings helped by Smalley's HR, number eight. Still think the ball isn't lively? Check Smalley's minor league record for home runs.

AMERICAN

Yanks 8, Indians 2. Bob Lemon, who never could beat the Yanks, chased early. Ed Lopat, who never could lose to the Indians, baffles them again. Mapes a two run HR, Kennedy one for losers as 6 game streak ends. DiMaggio's second hit is 2,000th of career. Only other major leaguers over that mark are Appling and Moses, both on way out, sitting on bench.

Nats 4, Tigers 2. Little Conrad Marrero, the 33-year-old Cuban rookie, stops league leaders with four hitters. Yost HRs for winners, Wertz for losers. Hutchinson nipped.

Bosox 5, Chisox 3. Kinder and Parnell combine to beat Wight, end 5 game losing streak. Dropo hits 15th.

Browns 1, A's 0. Garver beats hard luck Brissie in duel. What, no HRs?

WYNN STOPS YANKS 5-1

CLEVELAND, O., June 21 (UP).—Although Bobby Brown's fourth home run of the season in the ninth deprived him of a shutout, Early Wynn easily checked the Yankees with four hits here today as the Indians evened the series, 5 to 1, before 16,737 paid fans.

The big Indian right hander struck out seven and had a no-hit game until the sixth when Vic Raschi, the losing pitcher, ducked a pitch and had it hit his bat for a single.

The Indians got to Raschi for single runs in the fourth and fifth. Boone driving in one with a fly ball, and doubles by Hegan and Mitchell producing another. The Indians picked up three in the eighth on three hits off Joe Page.

Wynn's most troublesome spot was the eighth when he filled the bases with three of his five walks, but Joe DiMaggio hit into a double play.

Knicks Buy Kaftan Sign Herb Scherer

George Kaftan, former Holy Cross All-American who played two seasons with the Boston Celtics, was sold yesterday to the New York Knickerbockers for an undisclosed cash sum. The 6-2 star is a New Yorker.

The Knickerbockers also signed Herb Scherer, six foot, nine center on Long Island University's quintet for the past three years.

Scherer, who was LIU's third leading scorer last season with 270 points in 23 games, is the tallest of the three current centers on the Knicks, who long have been searching for an elongated pivot men. Veteran Connie Simmons is 6-8 and Sweetwater Clifton; the Negro star, 6-7. Harry Gallatin is 6-5.

SCORES

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Cincinnati	010 000 023	6	8 2
Brooklyn	003 010 010	5	9 2

Blackwell, Perkowski (8), Ramsdell (8), Smith (9), Fox (9) and Scheffing, Pramesa (8), Howell (9); Newcombe, Banta (9), Podbellan (9) and Campanella. Winning pitcher, Ramsdell (3-7), losing pitcher, Banta (4-4).

St. Louis	121 230 410	14	17 1
New York	101 020 200	6	9 1

Lanier, Staley (5) and Rice; Higbe, Kennedy (2), Maglie (5), Hansen (6), Hartung (7) and Westrum, Calderone (8). Winning pitcher, Staley (6-5), losing pitcher, Higbe (0-3). Home run—Lockman (3rd).

Pittsburgh at Philadelphia (night)
Chicago at Boston (night)

AMERICAN LEAGUE

New York	000 000 001	1	4 1
Cleveland	000 110 03x	5	6 0

Raschi, Page (8) and Berra; Wynn (5-4) and Hegan. Losing pitcher, Raschi (8-4). Home run—Brown (4th).

Boston	000 100 000	1	7 2
Chicago	200 010 00x	3	6 1

Dobson, McDermott (7), Johnson (7), Papai (8) and Tebbets, Batts (7); Pierce (5-5) and Masi. Losing pitcher, Dobson (7-6). Home run—Masi (2nd).

Washington	300 500 400	12	14 0
Detroit	100 200 010	4	5 0

Consuegra (2-0) and Evans; Newhouser, Calvert (4), Rogovin (5) and Robinson, Ginsberg. Losing Pitcher, Newhouser (6-3). Home run—Mele (5th).

STANDINGS

(Not Including Yesterday)

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W.	L.	G.B.
Brooklyn	33	20	—
St. Louis	32	21	1
Philadelphia	31	21	1½
Boston	30	25	4
Chicago	26	25	6
New York	25	26	7
Pittsburgh	20	36	14½
Cincinnati	15	38	18

GAMES TODAY

Cincinnati at Brooklyn
St. Louis at New York (2)
Pittsburgh at Philadelphia
(Only games scheduled)

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W.	L.	G.B.
Detroit	37	16	—
New York	38	19	1
Cleveland	31	25	7½
Boston	32	28	8½
Washington	25	31	13½
Chicago	23	33	15½
St. Louis	20	34	17½
Philadelphia	19	39	20½

GAMES TODAY

New York at Cleveland
Boston at Chicago
Philadelphia at St. Louis (nite)
Washington at Detroit

Scramble for Oshkosh Lad

OSHKOSH, Wis., June 21 (UP).—Major league potentates lined up today to offer stardom to high school pitcher Bill Hoeft. The youngster has said he will decide tomorrow morning which offer he will accept.

Scouts and officials of the Pittsburgh Pirates and Boston Red Sox made appointments with Hoeft today. Red Kennedy of the Detroit Tigers, Fred Schulte and Wally Laskowski of the Cleveland Indians, and representatives of the Chicago Cubs and New York Yankees talked with the young pitcher yesterday.

Hoeft's high school coach and his parents will huddle with him to narrow the offers down late today and to decide on acceptance tomorrow.

on the scoreboard

by lester rodney

Now You Tell Us Yours'. . . .

RINGING DOORBELLS for peace may be a little tougher than hitting up the outdoor crowds—(and, by the way, have any of you tried the grandstands at Ebbets Field, the Stadium and the Polo Grounds)—but it can be mighty rewarding.

Here's a sampling of one man's experience. Come along with me through this Inwood (upper Manhattan) apartment house. We start on the top floor and walk down. It's easier psychologically. When the first woman opened the door tentatively, listened to a few words coldly, interrupted to say "Not interested" and closed the door with me outside, I decided I hadn't really thought out the approach for all reactions.

Next one who opened the door that way as though conditioned to slam it shut, got an amiable "I'm not selling anything . . ." which seemed to loosen things up, and then in plain language as though chatting on the street I tried to tell her why I was walking around ringing bells at suppertime. "Isn't it true . . . that's a terrible thing, that atomic bomb," she said. "Of course I'll sign," and the dreadful blankness on the petition was gone. Everything seemed easier . . . and was.

In the course of getting 19 signatures in this particular house, I ran into many different reactions. Only one was outright hostile. He was a middleaged man who heard me out silently and then said in measured, clipped tones, eyes narrowed, "I'M not against atomic war. I'm FOR atomic war." The way he said it I knew there was no use wasting any more time, so I merely said politely, "Then you don't want to sign this petition. Good night." He wasn't content with that. He stood there cold and intense and repeated, "I'm FOR atomic war. Russia is the enemy. I'm FOR atomic war." This was a little too much to take smiling. "Tell you what," I said, "you come around with petitions for atomic war and I go around with these petitions against atomic war and let's see who gets more signatures." He slammed the door.

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THE VERY NEXT BELL brought forth a cheerful housewife holding her place in the Hearst Journal-American as she opened the door. I didn't get very far with her. I didn't have to. "I have two sons and I don't want any war," she said quickly. "Where do I write my name? I hope this does some good! Good luck to you."

Comic relief of a sort is usually on the program. "Who's there?" comes the voice from inside. I hate to shout from the hall—who doesn't?—so I say politely, "May I see you just a moment, please?" "WHO? WHO?" comes the insistent and suspicious voice, the door opening not one crack. Half-heartedly I start, "I have the world peace appeal . . ." and the voice comes booming, "Not tonight." Oh, well. Maybe some one will get them in the park some day and they'll sign, too.

The deadly fear of signing anything, a fear the witchhunters are pushing relentlessly into American life, was in evidence several times. "I'm with you, but I won't sign ANYTHING," said one man apologetically. Another, "Sorry, we don't sign anything these days no matter what it is."

One woman, after a short discussion had answered her questions satisfactorily, signed, and when I asked if anyone else was in the house who might also sign she said wait a minute, and I couldn't avoid hearing a discussion with her husband. "Why do you go and sign things, don't you know you can get into trouble?" came the male voice. "For goodness sakes," came the indignant rejoinder, "this is for peace. Who isn't for peace? Are you for war? Are you afraid to be for peace?" She came back with her husband's signature and a sweet smile which meant good luck.

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TWO MEN were at a television set, and one, the man who lived there, came to me, saw the words "World Peace Appeal" and boomed out in raucous laughter, "You fool! You think people write on a piece of paper and the big shots won't start a war if they want! You fool!" He was big and bluff and his "fool" carried no sting. I argued with him, explained this was something new in history, the revulsion of hundreds of millions all over the world to the barbaric atomic weapons, and he laughed louder: **"Oh, so you don't want atomic war? Just a nice plain war with buzz bombs and machine guns and blockbusters and starvation? I tell you, I think maybe if the big shots know they can get it, too, they won't start it and that might be the only thing to stop war, that there are atomic bombs."**

The discussion went hot and heavy. It was the day before the "questions and answers" dealt with this not uncommonly expressed notion, but I did my best. Finally he jerked his hand with a snort toward his guest inside and said, "Well, ask him. He'll sign it for you, I'm sure, he always says he believes in the people." The other man came over, read the appeal, put on his glasses and said warmly, "Of course I'll sign! Of course I'm against atomic war, and all war! So is this stubborn fool," and he looked with fond annoyance at his host. "We'll talk about it, me and him, and you come back."

The last bell I rang wasn't answered right away and I started to fold my papers and close shop for the night. Then the door opened, a hall light clicked. A weary looking woman in her early thirties, in a housecoat. "I'm terribly sorry if I disturbed you," I began.

"You just woke my sick baby, that all," she said flatly. "Well, what is it?"

"I'm really sorry," I said. "But . . . in a way what this is for is that your baby may never have to go through the hell of a war. This is the world peace appeal. Millions of people all over the world are signing to say there must be no atomic war, and . . ."

She held out her hand wordlessly for the petition, leaned it against the wall, signed it and handed it back. **"God speed you," she said softly, "it's time there was no more wars."**